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Deputy John Lahart Dáil Eireann Dublin 2

RE: To ask the Minister for Health the number of spinal fusion patients currently waiting less than 4, 4 to 8 and more than 8 months for both Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Crumlin and Temple Street Children's University Hospital for the end of November 2021 or the latest date available; and if he will provide the same information for other spinal patients.

Dear Deputy Lahart

The waiting times for Orthopaedic waits, which contain Scoliosis patients, are below.

Please note that we do fast track any identified scoliosis patients on to triage to Cappagh where are there are shorter waiting times for Scoliosis referrals.

| Attended OPD Appt. within 12 weeks of referral | | | | |
|--|-----------|---------|-------|--|
| Year | Temple St | Crumlin | Total | |
| 2020 | 478 | 1,601 | 2,079 | |
| 2021 | 277 | 488 | 765 | |





| Current OPD Wait Times (Orthopaedics) - Patients Still Awaiting Appt. | | | | |
|---|-----------|---------|-------|--|
| Time Band | Temple St | Crumlin | Total | |
| 0-3 Months | 348 | 470 | 818 | |
| 3-6 Months | 247 | 356 | 603 | |
| 6-12 Months | 356 | 454 | 810 | |
| 12-24 Months | 460 | 326 | 786 | |

Yours sincerely

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