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**PQ 7977/21**

**To ask the Minister for Health the current waiting time for orthodontic assessments in County Galway; the number of patients waiting for an assessment; the number of patients on the orthodontic treatment waiting list; the waiting time for treatment; and if there are currently any unfilled clinical positions in the service.**

Dear Deputy Canney,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The current assessment waiting time in Galway for urgent cases is 6 months and for routine cases it is 2 years. There are 1321 patients awaiting an assessment. Due to Covid-19 restrictions only urgent assessments are being carried out.

There are 1845 patients on the treatment waiting list and the waiting time for treatment for urgent cases is approximately 1 year and 4.5 years for routine cases.

We have 1 unfilled specialist post which has been appointed with the new appointee starting in April. There is currently one nursing position that is advertised to be filled.

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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