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Deputy David Cullinane,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

PQ 12981/21

"To ask the Minister for Health the number of children currently on a suspended inpatient list for coliosis surgery across all hospitals; the time suspended; the number of children waiting; and if he will make a statement on the matter"

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

I refer to your parliamentary question above to which I have been asked to provide a response.

The current active waiting list, as of Friday 19th March 2021, stand at 119 patients.

There are currently 13 patients suspended from the waiting list for a variety of clinical reasons to include formal assessment by other Specialties such as General Paediatrics, Paediatric Cardiology and Anaesthesiology.

There are also a number of patients that have been suspended at their families request. Each suspension is reviewed by the Spinal Team at intervals up to 3 months as per the National IDPP Waiting List Management Protocol (2017). Following this clinical review, the patient may come out of suspension, or in a small number of cases, be re-suspended for a further period until they are deemed fit for surgery.

Yours sincerely,

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