



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte
Health Service Executive

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Deputy Peadar Tóibín,
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Leinster House
Dublin 2.

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PQ 58714/21* To ask the Minister for Health the total number of children currently on waiting lists for appointments, treatment, surgery or diagnosis for scoliosis by county and the length of time they have spent on the waiting lists.

Dear Deputy Tóibín,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Response

The management of scoliosis is complex and is determined by the severity of the curvature and skeletal maturity which together help predict the likelihood of progression. There are a number of treatment options for scoliosis related to the underlying condition of each patient and their growth pattern, skeletal maturity and other factors.

Since 2015 there has been substantial investment in orthopaedics including scoliosis. This investment has led to the development of services for adults and children in specifically in Children's Health Ireland (CHI Crumlin and CHI Temple Street) and in the Ireland East Hospital Group in the *Mater Misericordiae University Hospital* as the National Spinal Centre and in National Orthopaedic Hospital Cappagh.

With specific reference to your question on the children currently on waiting lists for appointments, treatment, surgery or diagnosis for scoliosis by county and the length of time they have spent on the waiting lists

IEHG – Cappagh Hospital

Cappagh National Orthopaedic Hospital currently have 3 patients listed for outpatients and 12 IPDC listed for surgery. Waiting times for paediatric scoliosis surgery is contingent on a number of factors including, inter alia, educational needs of a child, the curvature of the

spine (e.g. surgery may not be justifiable for all), the angle of the curve on the date of the first menstrual period etc. Waiting times also have dependencies around the patient's academic commitments and in some cases patients/parents choose to have surgeries deferred to work around exams etc.

Outpatient Waiting List				
	0-3m	3-6m	6-9m	9-12m
Dublin				
Louth				
Offaly				
Total	1	1		1
Inpatient & Day case Waiting list				
	0-3	3-6m	6-9m	
Donegal				
Cavan				
Kildare				
Cork				
Clare				
Dublin				
Mayo				
Laois				
Total				6
Note in order to protect patient identity in line with data protection some information has been excluded from the table above.				

CHI – CHI Crumlin & CHI Temple St

CHI have advised that they are currently working preparing the data in relation to this request and as such we have asked them to respond to the Deputy directly.

I trust that this response addresses your query,

Yours sincerely,



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