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Our Ref: PQ 48184/21

29 October 2021

**Deputy John Brady**  
**Dáil Eireann**  
**Dublin 2**

**RE: To ask the Minister for Health the number of children that are currently awaiting scoliosis treatment and surgery; the current waiting time for both treatment and surgery; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Brady

I refer to your recent PQ which has been forwarded to me for attention.

Please see below for the numbers of patients awaiting scoliosis surgery across CHI:

Hospital	Total Spinal WL as of 15/10/2021 (excluding suspensions)	Number of entries that have a date to come in (TCI)	Active Spinal patients waiting over 4 months	Active Spinal patients waiting over 12 months
Crumlin Spinal Fusion	70	2	49	19
Crumlin Spinal Other	45	1	24	9
Temple Street Spinal Fusion	32	4	17	
Temple Street Spinal Other	20	2	9	
Cappagh Spinal Fusion	12	12	0	
<b>Spinal Fusion Current Total</b>	114	18	66	
<b>Current Total</b>	179	21	99	

All procedures are prioritized by clinical need and those waiting longest.

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CHI sincerely regret that children and their families are experiencing long waiting times for their surgery date, with some children on our waiting list for over 12 months.

I trust this is of assistance to you.

Your sincerely

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