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Deputy Réada Cronin  
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**To ask the Minister for Health the number of children currently on orthodontic waiting lists in north County Kildare; the number waiting greater than six months, one year and three years in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. - Réada Cronin TD**

Dear Deputy Cronin

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in regard to your parliamentary question which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Orthodontic treatment is provided by the HSE where a person is eligible under the HSE guidelines. Once a person is assessed and deemed eligible for treatment they are placed on the orthodontic treatment waiting list.

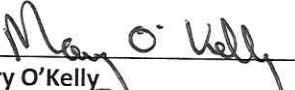
I am afraid that I am unable to breakdown our waiting list any further than by County.

Please see table below of numbers of eligible patients residing in Kildare awaiting an orthodontic appointment.

Awaiting orthodontic assessment greater than six months	111
Awaiting orthodontic assessment greater than one year	299
Awaiting orthodontic assessment greater than three years	0
Awaiting an appointment to commence treatment greater than six months	141
Awaiting an appointment to commence treatment greater than one year	288
Awaiting an appointment to commence treatment greater than three years	133

I trust this information is of assistance to you but if you have any queries or require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

  
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