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**Deputy Martin Kenny
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PQ 61198/22: To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of children under 16 years who are currently on the primary care orthodontic waiting list in counties Leitrim, Sligo, Roscommon, Donegal and Cavan, by year from 2016 to 2022 in tabular form.

Dear Deputy Kenny,

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

The HSE Orthodontic Service is provided in Regional Orthodontic Departments. Access to treatment with the HSE Orthodontic Service is limited to those children with the most severe and complex orthodontic treatment needs. Referral for orthodontic assessment is usually made in 6th Class, so orthodontic assessments are limited to those aged under 16. The Modified Index of Treatment Needs (Modified IOTN) system is used in all regions to determine if a child will be accepted for treatment. There are a number of categories within the Modified IOTN system, and these are used to prioritise care, children whose treatment need is assessed as being in Grade 4 or Grade 5 of the Index are offered treatment with the HSE. Orthodontic treatment waiting lists are collated and reported according to HSE eligibility criteria Modified IOTN, Grade 4 or Grade 5.

I wish to advise that the system does not hold data in the manner requested by County or by age. Appendix 2 details KPI data for the relevant Regional Orthodontic Units for each year 2017-2021 and to date in 2022.

Regional Orthodontic Units:

- West (Galway, Mayo and Roscommon)
- North-West (Donegal, Sligo, Leitrim)
- Dublin North East (Cavan, Monaghan, Louth, Meath, and Ashtown, Dublin)

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but if you require further clarification please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely,

**Joseph Green
AND, National Oral Health Lead - Operations**

Table 2: Q4 2018 HSE Orthodontic waiting lists for treatment (Combined Grade 4 and Grade 5 Wait List Numbers)

	Waiting < 2 years on the treatment waiting list	Waiting 2-4 years on the treatment waiting list	Waiting > 4 years on the treatment waiting list	Totals
North West	488	76	0	564
Western	1137	1052	0	2189
DNE	1751	788	344	2883

Table 3: Q4 2019 HSE Orthodontic waiting lists for treatment (Combined Grade 4 and Grade 5 Wait List Numbers)

	Waiting < 2 years on the treatment waiting list	Waiting 2-4 years on the treatment waiting list	Waiting > 4 years on the treatment waiting list	Totals
North West	486	104	0	590
Western	1,087	622	0	1709
DNE	1,682	1148	503	3333

Table 4: Q4 2020 HSE Orthodontic waiting lists for treatment (Combined Grade 4 and Grade 5 Wait List Numbers)

	Waiting < 2 years on the treatment waiting list	Waiting 2-4 years on the treatment waiting list	Waiting > 4 years on the treatment waiting list	Totals
North West	318	253		571
Western	990	823	174	1987
DNE	1,032	722	493	2,247

Table 5 Q4 2021 HSE Orthodontic waiting lists for treatment

GRADE 4 Modified IOTN	1-6 mths	7-13 mths	13-24 mths	25-36 mths	37-48mths	Over 48 mths	Totals
North West*	32	29	58	50	17	32	218
Western	132	5	168	300	219	0	824
DNE	1	9	57	116	83	80	346
GRADE 4 Modified IOTN	1-6 mths	7-13 mths	13-24 mths	25-36 mths	37-48mths	Over 48 mths	Totals
North West*	119	59	60	81			319
Western	160	40	189	199	82	0	670
DNE	8	26	114	195	208	183	734

* Data for Q4 not available, Q3 Data inserted

Table 6 Q3 2022 HSE Orthodontic waiting lists for treatment

GRADE 4 Modified IOTN	1-6 months	7-12 months	13-24 months	25-36 months	37 - 48 months	48+ months	Totals
North West	7	31	40	65	78		221
Western	180	175	50	223	35	0	663
DNE	34	75	116	62	53	125	465
GRADE 5 Modified IOTN	1-6 months	7-12 months	13-24 months	25-36 months	37 - 48 months	48+ months	Totals
North West	18	36	75	86			215
Western	192	204	90	162	32	0	680
DNE	59	186	212	137	227	269	1090