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**Deputy David Cullinane
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PQ 4787/22: To ask the Minister for Health the waiting lists for dental surgery and orthodontics by county at year end 2021

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

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 KPI data for the number of patients waiting for Orthodontic Treatment at year end 2021 is detailed in Appendix 1. The data is not available by county as requested, but is available by Regional Orthodontic Unit.

Following engagement with Community Healthcare Organisations (CHOs), the following outlines the position for the number of patients waiting for dental surgery in each area as at end 2021;

CHO 1

| | |
|---|-----|
| No. of Children on GA Wait List | 151 |
| No. of Special Care Patients on GA Wait List | 247 |
| No. of patients referred for Oral Surgery | 224 |

CHO 2

| | Mayo/Roscommon | Galway |
|---|-----------------------|--|
| No. of Children on GA Wait List | 74 | 150 approx |
| No. of Special Care Patients on GA Wait List | 31 | 63 approx |
| No. of patients referred for Oral Surgery | 185 | Managed by Saolta hospital group in Galway |

Galway University Hospital, Saolta Hospital Group

Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Waiting List: 3169 patients

CHO 3

| CHO3 | End of 2021 |
|--|---|
| No. of Children on GA Wait List | Total = 950 (899 – extraction & 51 Special Needs patients under 16 years) |
| No. of Special Care Patients on GA Wait List | Total = 111 (including 51 Special Needs patients under 16 years) |
| No. of patients referred for Oral Surgery | nil |

CHO 4

| At the end of 2021 | Kerry | Cork |
|--|---|--|
| Number of Children on general anaesthetic (GA) Wait List | 170 | 588 |
| Number of Special Care Patients on GA Wait List | 20 children Bon Secours Tralee, 20 adults MGH | 314 |
| Number of patients referred for Oral Surgery | 543 | 1475 (not including 1037 from other counties) |

CHO 5

| CHO 5 | End of 2021 |
|--|--|
| No. of Children on GA Wait List | 227 (Carlow/Kilkenny & South Tipperary = 121, Waterford = 37 and Wexford = 69) |
| No. of Special Care Patients on GA Wait List | 264 (Carlow/Kilkenny & South Tipperary = 75, Waterford = 24 and Wexford = 165) |
| *No. of patients referred for Oral Surgery | *85 |

*This number only includes patients referred for Oral surgery from South Tipperary as these figures are not collated in the other areas.

Cork University Dental Hospital

| WAITING LISTS FOR GA for SLA Patients | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|------------|-----------|----------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|
| | Number of Patients | Carl ow | Co rk | Ke ry | Kilke nny | Lime rick | Tippe rary | Water ford | Wexf ord |
| Total | 332 | 9 | 52 | 7 | 30 | 4 | 78 | 126 | 26 |

CHO 6

Due to the movement of patients on lists in the intervening period, the following data is accurate as at the 17th February 2022.

| Type of Wait List | Number |
|--|--|
| No. of Children on General Anaesthetic Wait List | 49 for Extractions +3 for Children's Hospital Ireland |
| No. of Special Care Patients on General Anaesthetic Wait List | 11 |
| No. of patients referred for Oral Surgery | 43 waiting for assessment 17 waiting for treatment (Some of these will be Special care Patients) |

The Orthodontic Service has advised that there is no waiting list for dental surgery which they understand to be minor oral surgery linked to an orthodontic treatment plan.

There are currently 28 patients awaiting Orthognatic Surgery following joint clinics with St. James's Hospital.

CHO 7

| Dublin South, Kildare and West Wicklow Community Healthcare Area | End of 2021 |
|--|-------------|
| No. of Children on GA Wait List | 91 |
| No. of Special Care Patients on GA Wait List | 6 |
| No. of patients referred for Oral Surgery | 20 |

CHO 8

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|--|------------------|-------------|
| End of 2021 | | |
| No of children on GA wait list | Midlands | 260 |
| | Louth/Meath | 157 |
| | CHO Total | 417 |
| | | |
| No of Special Care Patients on GA Wait List | Midlands | 110 |
| | Louth/Meath | 122 |
| | CHO Total | 232 |
| | | |
| No of patients referred for Oral Surgery | Midlands | 160 |
| | Louth/Meath | 490 |
| | CHO Total | 650 |
| | | |
| Overall CHO MLM Total | | 1299 |
| | | |

CHO 9

| | |
|---|--------------------|
| | End of 2021 |
| No. of Children on General Anaesthetic Waiting List | 131 |
| No. of Special Care Patients on General Anaesthetic Waiting List | 73 |
| No. of patients referred for Oral Surgery | 48 |

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

Appendix 1: KPI Data Orthodontic Treatment Waiting List Q4 2021

Table1: No. of orthodontic patients (grade 4) waiting to commence treatment following assessment

| Regional Orthodontic Unit | Wait band | | | | | | Total number of patients |
|------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|--------------------------|
| | 1-6 mths | 7-13 mths | 13-24 mths | 25-36 mths | 37-48 mths | Over 48 mths | |
| Former East Coast (Loughlinstown)* | 12 | 2 | 98 | 344 | 94 | 45 | |
| Former South West (St James's)* | 40 | 22 | 53 | 271 | 136 | 129 | |
| Midlands | 67 | 33 | 53 | 157 | 141 | 360 | |
| DNE | 1 | 9 | 57 | 116 | 83 | 80 | |
| South | 127 | 72 | 255 | 582 | 326 | 289 | |
| South East | 100 | 67 | 80 | 166 | 168 | 441 | |
| Mid Western | 52 | 27 | 47 | 123 | 104 | 90 | |
| North West* | 32 | 29 | 58 | 50 | 17 | 32 | |
| Western | 132 | 5 | 168 | 300 | 219 | 0 | |
| | 563 | 266 | 869 | 2109 | 1288 | 1466 | 6561 |

*Returns for these Orthodontic Units are at Q3 2021

Table 2: No. of orthodontic patients (grade 5) waiting to commence treatment following assessment

| Regional Orthodontic Unit | 1-6 mths | 7-13 mths | 13-24 mths | 25-36 mths | 37-48 mths | Over 48 mths | Total number of patients |
|------------------------------------|----------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|--------------------------|
| Former East Coast (Loughlinstown)* | 60 | 6 | 156 | 139 | 129 | 56 | |
| Former South West (St James's)* | 86 | 47 | 114 | 254 | 126 | 113 | |
| Midlands | 146 | 28 | 87 | 56 | 49 | 29 | |
| DNE | 8 | 26 | 114 | 195 | 208 | 183 | |
| South | 160 | 73 | 190 | 639 | 278 | 71 | |
| South East | 146 | 100 | 105 | 261 | 266 | 493 | |
| Mid Western | 89 | 44 | 53 | 142 | 146 | 93 | |
| North West* | 119 | 59 | 60 | 81 | | | |
| Western | 160 | 40 | 189 | 199 | 82 | 0 | |
| | 974 | 423 | 1068 | 1966 | 1284 | 1038 | 6753 |

*Returns for these Orthodontic Units are at Q3 2021