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PQ 6978/22

To ask the Minister for Health the current wait list for persons under 18 years of age awaiting orthodontal treatment in County Wexford; the number of persons waiting 24, 36 and 48 months and longer, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Murphy,

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

I have reviewed the matter and the following outlines the current position.

Orthodontic treatment is provided by the HSE where the person is eligible under HSE guidelines. A modified Index of Treatment Needs (IOTN) system is used to determine if a child can be accepted for treatment.

Once a person is deemed eligible they are placed on the orthodontic treatment waiting list and the waiting times are as follows:

Co. Wexford	No. of patients under 18 yrs of age waiting to commence orthodontic treatment
0-24 months	134
24-48 months	266
48+ months	124
Total No.	524

Please be assured that the HSE orthodontic service monitors the waiting list on an ongoing basis in the overall context of available resources and prioritisation criteria.

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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anna Marie Lanigan', written in a cursive style.

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