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Deputy Mairéad Farrell
Dáil Eireann
Dublin 2

RE: To ask the Minister for Health the number of children waiting for scoliosis treatment; the length of time they have been on the waiting list; his plan to ensure that these children receive this treatment as soon as possible; if he plans to make additional funding available to achieve this goal; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Farrell

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

The number of children waiting on spinal fusion and other spinal procedures across CHI and the National Orthopaedic Hospital Cappagh, are as follows, as of 31 December 2021:

Spinal Fusion							
	0-3 Months	3-6 Months	6-9 Months	9-12 Months	12-18 Months	18+ Months	Total
Crumlin	27	18	15	9	18	11	98
Temple Street	13	6	9	2	6	7	43
Cappagh	14	5					19
Total	54	29	24	11	24	18	160
Spinal Other							
	0-3 Months	3-6 Months	6-9 Months	9-12 Months	12-18 Months	18+ Months	Total
Crumlin	26	10	8	5	1	6	56
Temple Street	13	6	3	4	2	1	29
Total	39	16	11	9	3	7	85

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CHI

Total Spinal Fusion: 160 (140 active and 20 suspended)

Total Spinal other: 85 (84 active and 1 suspended)

Total All: 245 (224 active and 21 suspended)

CHI - Active over 4 months

Total Spinal Fusion: 50

Total Spinal other: 28

Total All: 78

*28 of these patients have a date to come in (24 for Spinal Fusion and 4 for Spinal Other)

*The totals include active, TCI, suspended and planned procedures

I understand that the Department of Health has issued a response to you in relation to the issue raised regarding funding under separate cover.

Yours sincerely

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