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Deputy Cian O'Callaghan, Dáil Éireann, Leinster House, Kildare Street, Dublin 2.

PQ 35677/22 — To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients awaiting initiation of continuous positive airway pressure therapy.

- Cian O'Callaghan

Dear Deputy O'Callaghan,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (PQ 35677/22) which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Once ordered, the continuous positive airways pressure devices are initiated within three days. This is in line with the terms of our contracts with the service providers. As such, there is no waiting period for the delivery of these devices and commencement of the treatment. While this is the standard, there will always be a small number of service users who for a variety of reasons, will not be in a position to receive the devices and avail of the associated training within the three day period.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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