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**Deputy David Cullinane**  
**Dáil Eireann**  
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Dear Deputy Cullinane

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

**PQ: To ask the Minister for Health the number of children on scoliosis waiting lists, by list and location in June 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

**Childrens Health Ireland (CHI) Response:**

I have followed up with Children's Health Ireland (CHI) and The National Orthopaedic Hospital Cappagh (NOHC) and set out here-under the information that you require.

Please note that due to the cyber-attack in May 2021 it was difficult to ascertain a true figure for June 2021, the figures below are as accurate as possible.

**The number of active children on scoliosis waiting lists at CHI in June 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022:**

Waiting list	June 2019	June 2020	June 2021	June 2022
CHI at Temple Street Spinal Fusion	5	20	19	31
CHI at Temple Street Spinal Other	6	8	6	0
CHI at Crumlin Spinal Fusion	69	65	72	78
CHI at Crumlin Spinal Other	27	29	31	22
<b>Total</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>131</b>



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**The number of active children on scoliosis waiting lists at NOHC in June 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022:**

Waiting list	June 2019	June 2020	June 2021	June 2022
Spinal Fusion	16	15	11	8
Spinal Other	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>8</b>

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely

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