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**Deputy David Cullinane**  
**Dáil Eireann**  
**Dublin 2**

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 with spina bifida waiting for an orthopaedic or urology procedure; the number waiting greater than 6 months and 12 months; 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.

**Children with spina bifida waiting for an orthopaedic or urology procedure at CHI:**

	<b>CHI at Temple Street</b>	<b>CHI at Crumlin</b>	<b>Total</b>
Spina Bifida patients awaiting Orthopaedic Procedure as of 11/07/2022	45	9	<b>54</b>
Spina Bifida patients awaiting Urology Procedure as of 11/07/2022	30	2	<b>32</b>



**Children with spina bifida waiting for an orthopaedic or urology procedure at CHI for greater than 6 months and 12 months:**

Spina Bifida Inpatient Waiting List as of 13/07/2022	Waiting >6 months	Waiting >12 months
CHI at Crumlin Spinal Fusion	3	3
CHI at Crumlin Spinal Other	2	1
CHI at Crumlin General	1	3
CHI at Crumlin Urology	2	2
CHI at Temple Street Spinal Fusion	7	5
CHI at Temple Street Spinal Other	1	0
CHI at Temple Street General	26	22
CHI at Temple Street Urology	24	19
<b>Totals</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>55</b>

Please note that the figures included for patients waiting greater than 12 months includes cohort of patients waiting greater than 6 and 12 months.

**Children with spina bifida waiting for an orthopaedic procedure at NOHC:**

Spina Bifida Inpatient Waiting List as of 13/07/2022	Patients waiting for Ortho procedure	Waiting >6 months	Waiting >12 months
General Orthopaedic	39	5	1

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely

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