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Deputy John Brady

Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
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Re Ref: 40646/22

To ask the Minister To ask the Minister for Health the number of children and adults on the orthodontic waiting lists in County Wicklow; the average waiting times for appointments broken down by 1, 3, 6 and 12 months plus; and if he will make a statement on the matter

Dear Deputy Brady

The Orthodontic Manager has advised that the Orthodontic Service for children in Wicklow is provided across two CHOs, in regional units in Loughlinstown (Community Healthcare East, CHO 6) and Tallaght (CHO 7). This service has lengthy waiting lists, due to the lack of capacity to meet the demand. Further disruption to service, caused by the Covid 19 pandemic and cyber-attack, exacerbated the waiting list difficulties. The service is engaged in a number of measures to address the waiting lists, including targeted treatment initiatives in collaboration with the National Oral Health Office, ongoing recruitment and clinical prioritisation in an ongoing effort to improve access to the service.

The table below outlines the number of children on the orthodontic waiting list in Co. Wicklow. Referrals to the orthodontic service are for children up to 18 years of age.

Number of Children with addresses in Wicklow on waiting lists for orthodontic service	
Number waiting for Assessment, less than 1 month	1
Number waiting for Assessment, less than 3 months/ more than 1 month:	67
Number waiting for Assessment, less than 6 months/ more than 3 months:	111
Number waiting for Assessment, less than 12 months/ more than 6 months:	203
Number waiting for Assessment, more than 12 months:	223



Total waiting for Assessment	605
Number waiting for Treatment, less than 1 month:	1
Number waiting for Treatment, less than 3 months/ more than 1 month:	1
Number waiting for Treatment, less than 6 months/ more than 3 months:	4
Number waiting for Treatment, less than 12 months/ more than 6 months:	0
Number waiting for Treatment, more than 12 months:	188
Total Waiting for Treatment	194
Total Waiting List	800

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

Yours sincerely,

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