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Deputy Pádraig O'Sullivan
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Dear Deputy O'Sullivan,

I refer to your recent PQ which has been forwarded to me for attention. Firstly, please accept my sincere apologies for the delay in issuing a response.

PQ: To ask the Minister for Health the number of children on a waiting list for scoliosis surgery across all hospitals in tabular form; his views on the waiting times for scoliosis surgery; if there are plans to outsource scoliosis surgery for children; and if he will make a statement on the matter

Children's 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.

CHI at Crumlin

Spinal Fusion as at 29/07/2022								
	0-3 Months	3-6 Months	6-9 Months	9-12 Months	12-15 Months	15-18 Months	18+ Months	Total
Active	19	13	18	8	4	2	7	71
TCI	1	0	3	1	1	0	1	7
Suspended	3	5	3	2	3	0	4	20
Planned	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Total	23	18	24	11	8	2	13	99
Spinal Other as at 29/07/2022								
	0-3 Months	3-6 Months	6-9 Months	9-12 Months	12-15 Months	15-18 Months	18+ Months	Total
Active	6	7	1	4	2	0	2	22
TCI	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Suspended	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2
Planned	13	14	10	3	0	0	0	40
Total	19	21	13	7	2	0	3	65



CHI at Temple Street

Spinal Fusion Waiting list for Temple Street 29/7/22								
Spinal Fusion								
	0-3 Months	3-6 Months	6-9 Months	9-12 Months	12-15 Months	15-18 Months	18+ Months	Total
Active	6	4	8	4	4	2	2	30
TCI	0	1	0	0	1	2	0	4
Suspended	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	4
Planned	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	6	5	8	4	5	5	5	38
Spinal other Waiting List for Temple Street 29/07/2022								
Spinal Other								
	0-3 Months	3-6 Months	6-9 Months	9-12 Months	12-15 Months	15-18 Months	18+ Months	Total
Active	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TCI	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Suspended	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Planned	9	8	6	4	0	1	0	28
Total	9	9	6	4	0	1	0	29

Children's Health Ireland are working with a number of hospitals to complete surgeries on patients who have been identified as clinically suitable to have their procedure performed outside of CHI.

Please see data from the National Orthopaedic Hospital Cappagh on the next page.



National Orthopaedic Hospital Cappagh

Spinal Fusion waiting list as at 29/07/2022								
	0-3 Months	3-6 Months	6-9 Months	9-12 Months	12-15 Months	15-18 Months	18+ Months	Total
Active								
TCI	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	5
Suspended								
Planned								
Total	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	5

Spinal Other waiting list as at 29/07/2022								
	0-3 Months	3-6 Months	6-9 Months	9-12 Months	12-15 Months	15-18 Months	18+ Months	Total
Active								0
TCI								0
Suspended								0
Planned								0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

I trust this is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely

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