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Our Ref: PQ/41786/22

18th August 2022

Deputy Jennifer Whitmore Dáil Eireann Dublin 2

Dear Deputy Whitmore

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 current waiting times for children needing scoliosis surgery; the efforts that he is undertaking to improve waiting times; 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 | | |
| тсі | 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 | | |
| тсі | 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 | | |

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CHI at Temple Street

| Spinal Fusion Waiting list for Temple Street 29/7/22 | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|--------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|----------|--------|-------|--|--|
| Spinal Fusion | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 0-3 | 3-6 | 6-9 | 9-12 | 12-15 | 15-18 | 18+ | Total | | |
| | Months | Months | Months | Months | Months | Months | Months | TUtai | | |
| 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 | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Spina | l other W | aiting Lis | t for Tem | ple Street | 29/07/20 |)22 | | | |
| | | | Sp | inal Other | | | | | | |
| | 0-3 | 3-6 | 6-9 | 9-12 | 12-15 | 15-18 | 18+ | Tatal | | |
| | Months | Months | Months | Months | Months | Months | 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.



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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 | 3-6 | 6-9 | 9-12 | 12-15 | 15-18 | 18+ | Total | |
| | Months | | |
| 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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