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28th June 2022

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 scoliosis who are waiting for a procedure; the number waiting greater than 6 and 12 months 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 and set out in the table hereunder the information you require.

Children's Health Ireland (CHI) data as of 17th June 2022		
	Waiting greater than 6 months	Waiting greater than 12 months
Spinal Fusion	71	28
Spinal Other	44	12
Totals:	115	40

In addition to the above data, I can advise that the number of patients suspended from the waiting list as of 17th June 2022, as patient is temporarily unavailable, clinically unsuitable for their procedure, or has a provisional date for outsourcing is 22 for spinal fusions and 2 for spinal other. This includes all suspensions (hospital or patient initiated).



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CHI are doing more activity than previous years (see table below) and with recent investment we expect waiting times for scoliosis to reduce by the end of 2022.

	YTD 03/06/2022	YTD 03/06/2021	YTD 03/06/2020	YTD 03/06/2019
CHI at Crumlin Spinal Fusion	50	49	36	53
CHI at Crumlin Spinal Other	61	45	32	48
CHI at Temple Street Spinal Fusion	16	13	8	9
CHI at Temple Street Spinal Other	41	30	26	31
Cappagh Spinal Fusion	19	19	7	11
Cappagh Spinal Other	3	3	2	13
Outsourced – Blackrock Clinic	12	0	0	0
Spinal Fusion Current Total	97	81	51	73
Current Total	202	159	111	165

I trust this is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely

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