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Deputy Ivana Bacik,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
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PQ 30611/22 – To ask the Minister for Health the average wait times for persons who have applied for a new wheelchair.

- Ivana Bacik

Dear Deputy Bacik,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (PQ 30611/22) which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The waiting time for a wheelchair is very dependent on the type of wheelchair requested. For standard wheelchairs, which CHOs keep as stock items, the wait time from clinical assessment and approval to service user receiving the item is normally no more than one to two weeks throughout the country. For bespoke and powered wheelchairs, the wait time is longer and can be twelve weeks or more. This wait time is largely dictated by the time needed for the supplier to manufacture and deliver the bespoke items.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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