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**Deputy David Cullinane**  
**Dáil Eireann**  
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Dear Deputy Cullinane

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

**PQ: To ask the Minister for Health the number of children with scoliosis who were waiting for more than four months for a procedure, by month in 2020 and 2021, 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 (CHI) and The National Orthopaedic Hospital Cappagh (NOHC) and set out here-under the information that you require.

**The number of children with scoliosis who were waiting for more than four months for a procedure in CHI by site location, by month in 2020 and 2021:**

Month	Procedure Type	CHI at Crumlin 2020	CHI at Crumlin 2021	CHI at Temple Street 2020	CHI at Temple Street 2021
January	Spinal Fusion	35	49	2	8
	Spinal Other	20	16	3	6
February	Spinal Fusion	36	47	4	7
	Spinal Other	24	15	3	6
March	Spinal Fusion	35	44	9	11
	Spinal Other	26	14	2	6
April	Spinal Fusion	38	51	13	12
	Spinal Other	27	16	4	4
May	Spinal Fusion	42	0	15	12
	Spinal Other	26	0	5	4
June	Spinal Fusion	50	0	13	12
	Spinal Other	24	0	6	4
July	Spinal Fusion	56	0	12	12



Month	Procedure Type	CHI at Crumlin 2020	CHI at Crumlin 2021	CHI at Temple Street 2020	CHI at Temple Street 2021
July	Spinal Other	24	0	6	4
August	Spinal Fusion	57	57	14	17
	Spinal Other	23	20	6	3
September	Spinal Fusion	50	49	11	17
September	Spinal Other	17	21	6	12
October	Spinal Fusion	46	49	12	13
	Spinal Other	13	23	5	11
November	Spinal Fusion	40	44	10	15
	Spinal Other	15	16	5	5
December	Spinal Fusion	46	38	9	14
	Spinal Other	15	20	5	6
<b>Totals</b>		<b>785</b>	<b>589</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>221</b>

**The number of children with scoliosis who were waiting for more than four months for a procedure in NOHC, by month in 2020 and 2021:**

Month	Procedure Type	2020	2021
January	Spinal Fusions	3	0
February	Spinal Fusions	2	0
March	Spinal Fusions	3	1
April	Spinal Fusions	4	1
May	Spinal Fusions	1	1
June	Spinal Fusions	2	1
July	Spinal Fusions	2	1
August	Spinal Fusions	4	2
September	Spinal Fusions	3	0
October	Spinal Fusions	0	0
November	Spinal Fusions	0	0
December	Spinal Fusions	0	0
<b>Totals</b>		<b>24</b>	<b>7</b>

I trust this is of assistance to you.



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Yours sincerely

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