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**PQ 11879/22: To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on dentistry waiting lists by CHO at the end of 2021 and at the latest available data point broken down age and by the length of waiting time by age in tabular form.**

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

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

Further to the information provided in PQ Response 12924/22 and 12923/22 on the School's Screening Programme Dental Waiting Lists, outlined below is the number of persons on dentistry waiting lists by CHO at the end of 2021. Please note GA is an abbreviation for General Anaesthetic. All treatment under GA is provided in an acute hospital.

#### CHO 1

	End of 2021
No. of Children on GA Wait List	218
No. of Special Care Patients on GA Wait List	87
No. of patients referred for Oral Surgery	298

#### CHO 2

	Mayo/Roscommon	Galway
No. of Children on GA Wait List	74	150 approx
No. of Special Care Patients on GA Wait List	31	63 approx
No. of patients referred for Oral Surgery	185	Managed by Saolta hospital group in Galway

### CHO 3

<b>CHO3</b>	<b>End of 2021</b>
<b>No. of Children on GA Wait List</b>	Total = 950 (899 – extraction & 51 Special Needs patients under 16 years)
<b>No. of Special Care Patients on GA Wait List</b>	Total = 111 (including 51 Special Needs patients under 16 years)
<b>No. of patients referred for Oral Surgery</b>	nil

### CHO 4

#### Waiting Lists - General Anaesthetic (Dental)

Dental Extractions (GA) - Children 618

Time frame	0 -3 months	3 -6 months	6 – 12 months	12 months +
Cork	96	96	192	60
Kerry	16	20	21	117

Routine Dental (GA) - Special Needs Children 230

Time frame	0 -3 months	3 -6 months	6 – 12 months	12 months +
Cork	12	12	24	162
Kerry	4	5	3	8

Routine Dental (GA) - Special Needs Adults 101

0 -3 months	3 -6 months	6 – 12 months	12 months +
18	18	36	31

## CHO 5

CHO 5	End of 2021
No. of Children on GA Wait List	227 (Carlow/Kilkenny & South Tipperary = 121, Waterford = 37 and Wexford = 69)
No. of Special Care Patients on GA Wait List	264 (Carlow/Kilkenny & South Tipperary = 75, Waterford = 24 and Wexford = 165)
*No. of patients referred for Oral Surgery	*85

\*This number only includes patients referred for Oral surgery from South Tipperary as these figures are not collated in the other areas.

## CHO 6

### 1. Children (<16 years) referred and waiting for treatment

Emergency Extractions under GA	47 **
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\*\*Treatment may have already been provided for some patients but discharge letters have not been received.

### Children (<16 years) referred and waiting for specialist treatment in hospital settings\*

CHI (Crumlin/ Temple St/Tallaght)	4
Dublin Dental University Hospital	2

\***Dublin South East and Dublin South only:** Unfortunately due to extended staff absence on leave, it has not been possible to include data for Wicklow LHO in this response.

### 2. Adult Services

#### Adults (>16 years) on waiting list for Minor Oral Surgery including patients treated under GA

Assessment list	41
Treatment list	34

#### Adults (>16 years) referred and waiting for treatment with IV sedation\*

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## CHO 7

784 people are on Adult Special Needs and other waiting lists, with approximate delay of 24 months

**CHO 8**

	<b>Louth</b>	<b>Meath</b>	<b>Longford/Westmeath</b>	<b>Laois/Offaly</b>
Hygienist waitlist	156	494	204	198
Paediatric GA list (Joint Louth Meath list)	157		100	208
Paediatric Special Care	54	41	4	40

**CHO 9**

	<b>End of 2021</b>
<b>No. of Children on General Anaesthetic Waiting List</b>	131
<b>No. of Special Care Patients on General Anaesthetic Waiting List</b>	73
<b>No. of patients referred for Oral Surgery</b>	48

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but if you require further clarification please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely,




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