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**Deputy David Cullinane
Dáil Eireann
Leinster House
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PQ 11880/22: To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on orthodontics 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.

I wish to advise the Deputy that the data is not available as requested. The KPI data for the number of patients waiting for Orthodontic Treatment at year end 2021 is detailed in Appendix 1. I wish to advise the Deputy the data is not available by CHO or age as requested, but is available by Regional Orthodontic Unit and wait time.

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

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joe Green', positioned above a horizontal line.

**Joseph Green
AND, National Oral Health Lead - Operations**

Appendix 1: KPI Data Orthodontic Treatment Waiting List Q4 2021

Table1: No. of orthodontic patients (grade 4) waiting to commence treatment following assessment

Regional Orthodontic Unit	Wait band						Total number of patients
	1-6 mths	7-13 mths	13-24 mths	25-36 mths	37-48 mths	Over 48 mths	
Former East Coast (Loughlinstown)*	12	2	98	344	94	45	
Former South West (St James's)*	40	22	53	271	136	129	
Midlands	67	33	53	157	141	360	
DNE	1	9	57	116	83	80	
South	127	72	255	582	326	289	
South East	100	67	80	166	168	441	
Mid Western	52	27	47	123	104	90	
North West*	32	29	58	50	17	32	
Western	132	5	168	300	219	0	
	563	266	869	2109	1288	1466	6561

*Returns for these Orthodontic Units are at Q3 2021

Table 2: No. of orthodontic patients (grade 5) waiting to commence treatment following assessment

Regional Orthodontic Unit	1-6 mths	7-13 mths	13-24 mths	25-36 mths	37-48 mths	Over 48 mths	Total number of patients
Former East Coast (Loughlinstown)*	60	6	156	139	129	56	
Former South West (St James's)*	86	47	114	254	126	113	
Midlands	146	28	87	56	49	29	
DNE	8	26	114	195	208	183	
South	160	73	190	639	278	71	
South East	146	100	105	261	266	493	
Mid Western	89	44	53	142	146	93	
North West*	119	59	60	81			
Western	160	40	189	199	82	0	
	974	423	1068	1966	1284	1038	6753

*Returns for these Orthodontic Units are at Q3 2021