

23rd March 2022

PQ 12813/22 To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of the number of children on waiting lists for grommet insertions by wait times 0-1, 1-3, 3-6, 6-9, 9-12 months over a year and two years by CHO area; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

-David Cullinane

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

Children's Health Ireland (CHI) is committed to reducing our waiting lists and supporting initiatives that ensure that children receive care appropriately and in a timely manner.

CHI continue to monitor all waiting list, including our ENT waiting list for grommets insertion, which currently stands at the following:

Wait Time Band (in Months)	0-3 Mths	3-6 Mths	6-9 Mths	9-12 Mths	12-15 Mths	15-18 Mths	18-24 Mths	24-36 Mths	36-48 Mths	Grand Total
No. of Patients	33	10	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	57

Source: NTPF Report 16.03.22

CHI captures children's area of residence in line with the NTPF reporting structure. The table below outlines the area of residence for our patients, by CHO:

Area of Residence	CHO 1	CHO 2	CHO 3	CHO 4	CHO 5	CHO 6	CHO 7	CHO 8	CHO 9
No. of Patients	<5	0	0	<5	5	<5	16	9	17

Source: NTPF Report 16.03.22

The Minister for Health has introduced national maximum wait time targets for 2022 to ensure that all patients have their hospital procedure within 12 months. CHI is committed to addressing our waiting list through the immediate delivery of additional activity within the private and public systems and working towards improving patient pathways of care. These will ensure the availability of more timely access to care for children.



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I trust that this answers your question.

Yours Sincerely,

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