

30th May 2022

Deputy John Brady TD,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2

Re Ref: PQ 25513/22

****To ask the Minister for Health the number of children and adults on the dental appointment waiting list in County Wicklow; the average waiting time for appointments; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Brady,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health and Children for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The Principal Dental Surgeon has provided the following information set out in the table below with respect to this question.

Adults >16	Assessment waiting list	Average time waiting	Treatment waiting list	Average time waiting
Adults with Special needs	83	2 years	25	3 months
Treatment under General Anaesthetic for adults with Special Needs			16	12 months
Night session (DTSS)	44			3-4 months
Oral Surgery under General Anaesthetic	25			6 weeks post assessment
Referrals to DDUH Special Care Patients	6	No updates available from DDUH		
Children Under 16 (School Screening programme)	Assessment waiting list	Average time waiting	Treatment waiting list	Average time waiting
2nd, 4th, & 6th Class 2021/2022	5598	9 months		
2nd and 4 th Class 2020/2021	3761	21 months		
2nd and 4 th Class 2019/2020	3869	33 months		
Children with Special Needs in special classes/special schools	221	up to 24 months		
Hygienist waiting list			112	6 weeks
Emergency Extractions under General Anaesthetic for Children <16			34	4-6 weeks
Referrals to DDUH Special Care Patients	1	No updates available from DDUH		



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I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Declan O'Hanlon', written over a horizontal line.

Declan O'Hanlon

Acting Head of Service, Primary Care