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Deputy John Brady, TD,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
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Re Ref: PQ 25514/22

****To ask the Minister for Health the number of children and adults on the orthodontic waiting lists in County Wicklow; the average waiting time for appointments; the number that are waiting more than six months; 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 data requested by the Deputy is outlined in the Tables below:

Table 1: Number of Children from Wicklow waiting for Orthodontics (CHO 6 and 7)

Number of Children from Wicklow waiting for a first assessment appointment	607
Number of Children from Wicklow waiting more than 6 months for first assessment appointment	450
Number of Children from Wicklow waiting for Treatment to commence (Grade 4)*	42
Number of Children from Wicklow waiting for Treatment to commence (Grade 5)	12
Number of Children from Wicklow waiting for Treatment to commence (Grade 5a)	98
Number of Children from Wicklow waiting for Treatment to commence (Grade 5i)	38
Total number of Children from Wicklow waiting for treatment to commence	190

*The Grade refers to the category of treatment need under Modified Index of Treatment Needs (Modified IOTN) system.

Table 2: Average waiting times for Orthodontic Services (CHO 6 and 7)

	Loughlinstown (CHO 6)	Tallaght (CHO7)
Waiting time for first Assessment	Routine 12 months + Priority 9-12 months	Routine 12 – 18 months Priority 6 – 9 months
Waiting time for Treatment (depending on Grade/ urgency due to age)	3 – 5 years	4 – 5 years



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The HSE does not provide an orthodontic service for adults. Adult patients attending the orthodontic services for treatment are those who were referred before their 16th birthday.

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,

Declan O'Hanlon

Acting Head of Service, Primary Care