



Our Ref: PQ 54558/22

28<sup>th</sup> November 2022

**Deputy Jennifer Whitmore**  
**Dáil Eireann**  
**Dublin 2**

Dear Deputy Whitmore

I refer to your recent PQ which has been forwarded to me for attention.

**PQ: To ask the Minister for Health the number of children with scoliosis on the operation waiting list by hospital; the number of those who have complex needs; the average waiting times for those children; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

**Children's Health Ireland (CHI) Response:**

I have followed up with Childrens Health Ireland (CHI) and the National Orthopaedic Hospital Cappagh and set out hereunder the information which you require.

Please note that below data includes all active patients waiting on spinal surgery, including those with a date scheduled for their procedure. This data does not include suspended patients.

<b>Spinal Inpatient Waiting List</b>	<b>All Scoliosis patients waiting on Spinal surgery</b>	<b>Number of which have complex needs*</b>	<b>Average waiting time</b>
CHI at Crumlin Spinal Fusion as at 28/10/2022	63	n/a	7.5 months
CHI at Crumlin Spinal Other as at 28/10/2022	96	n/a	5.3 months
CHI at Temple Street Spinal Fusion	25	n/a	11 months
CHI at Temple Street Spinal Other	32	n/a	5.5 months
National Orthopaedic Hospital Cappagh (NOHC) Spinal Fusion as at 30/10/2022	5	n/a	2 months
National Orthopaedic Hospital Cappagh (NOHC) Spinal other as at 30/10/2022	0	n/a	n/a



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\*Please note that data on complex patients is not centrally located on CHI's systems. This would require an examination of individual patient charts which is not possible due to service demands. Patients could have multiple complexities from several disciplines.

Please note that the National Orthopaedic Hospital Cappagh do not treat complex cases.

Yours sincerely

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