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Deputy Jennifer Whitmore
Dáil Eireann
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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 waiting times for children with scoliosis, including the details for those with complex needs; the number waiting 0-4 months, 4-12, and over 12 months by hospital in tabular form; 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.

Spinal Inpatient Waiting List	All Scoliosis patients waiting on Spinal surgery	Number of which have complex needs*	Patients waiting 0-4 months	Patients waiting 4-12 months	Patients waiting > 12 months
CHI at Crumlin Spinal Fusion as at 31/10/2022	65	n/a	24	28	13
CHI at Crumlin Spinal Other as at 31/10/2022	91	n/a	37	47	7
CHI at Temple Street Spinal Fusion as at 28/10/2022	25	n/a	3	13	9
CHI at Temple Street Spinal Other as at 28/10/2022	32	n/a	13	16	3
National Orthopaedic Hospital Cappagh (NOHC) Spinal Fusion as at 30/10/2022	5	n/a	5	0	0



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(NOHC) Spinal Other as at 30/10/2022	0	n/a	0	0	0
Totals	218	n/a	82	104	32

Please note that the figures included for patients waiting greater than 12 months includes the cohort of patients waiting greater than 6 and 12 months.

*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.

The National Orthopaedic Hospital Cappagh do not treat complex cases.

Yours sincerely

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