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**Deputy David Cullinane
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PQ 57606/22: To ask the Minister for Health the number of adults and children on public dental and orthodontic waiting lists in October 2022 by county, region and CHO, in tabular form; the numbers by wait timebands; the average length of wait; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for response.

HSE Dental Service

HSE Dental Services are provided through 17 Dental Areas, all of which continue to provide routine services. The dental service prioritises treatment for people with special care needs, those who are medically compromised and provides emergency care for all eligible patients.

I wish to advise that the system does not hold data in the manner requested. Appendix 1 details KPI data for the Dental Service (at end of October 2022). The reported metric is the number of new oral health patients in target groups attending for scheduled assessment.

HSE Orthodontic Service


Orthodontic treatment waiting lists are collated and reported according to HSE eligibility criteria Modified IOTN, Grade 4 or Grade 5.

The HSE Orthodontic Service is provided in Regional Orthodontic Departments. Access to treatment with the HSE Orthodontic Service is limited to those children with the most severe and complex orthodontic treatment needs. Referral for orthodontic assessment is usually made in 6th Class. The Modified Index of Treatment Needs (Modified IOTN) system is used in all regions to determine if a child will be accepted for treatment. There are a number of categories within the Modified IOTN system, and these are used to prioritise care, children whose treatment need is assessed as being in Grade 4 or Grade 5 of the Index are offered treatment with the HSE.

I wish to advise that the system does not hold data in the manner requested. Appendix 2 details KPI data for the Orthodontic Service (at end of Quarter 3 2022).

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but if you require further clarification please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely,



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Appendix 1: HSE Dental Service KPI Data October 2022

Table 1: a) No. of new Oral Health patients in target groups (1st/2nd, 4th and 6th class) attending for scheduled assessment

CHO	LHO	October 2022
National Total		83,171
	Total	11,651
CHO 1		
CHO 1	Cavan Monaghan	3,447
CHO 1	Donegal	6,244
CHO 1	Sligo Leitrim	1,960
CHO 2	Total	5,705
CHO 2	Galway	720
CHO 2	Mayo	1,594
CHO 2	Roscommon	3,391
CHO 3	Total	5,118
CHO 3	Clare	1,526
CHO 3	Limerick	1,184
CHO 3	North Tipperary East Limerick	2,408
CHO 4	Total	12,897
CHO 4	Kerry	2,014
CHO 4	North Cork	2,685
CHO 4	North Lee	3,964
CHO 4	South Lee	3,183
CHO 4	West Cork	1,051

CHO 5	Total	10,687
CHO 5	Carlow Kilkenny	2,687
CHO 5	South Tipperary	3,556
CHO 5	Waterford	2,466
CHO 5	Wexford	1,978
CHO 6	Total	4,969
CHO 6	Dun Laoghaire/ Dublin South East/Wicklow	4,969
CHO 7	Total	12,503
CHO 7	Dublin South City	2,805
CHO 7	Dublin South West	2,422
CHO 7	Dublin West	3,666
CHO 7	Kildare West Wicklow	3,610
CHO 8	Total	7,386
CHO 8	Laois Offaly	1,649
CHO 8	Longford Westmeath	1,901
CHO 8	Louth	1,539
CHO 8	Meath	2,297
CHO 9	Total	12,255
CHO 9	Dublin North	3,513
CHO 9	Dublin North Central	2,336
CHO 9	Dublin North West	6,406

Appendix 2: End Q3 2022 HSE Orthodontic waiting lists for treatment

		WAITING TO COMMENCE TREATMENT CATEGORY GRADE 4 WAIT BAND						
	Area	1-6 mths	7-12 mths	13- 24mths	25- 36mths	37-48 mths	over 4 years	TOTAL
DML	Former East Coast (Loughlinstown)	12	2	98	100	104	45	361
DML	Former South West (St James's)	40	22	53	271	136	129	651
DML	Midlands	74	2	142	113	165	427	923
DNE	DNE	1	0	38	115	124	383	661
SOUTH	South	99	86	418	615	289	131	1638
SOUTH	South East	88	30	86	169	165	391	929
WEST	Mid Western	62	0	93	112	114	128	509
WEST	Western	50	3	230	310	223	2	818
	TOTAL	426	145	1158	1805	1320	1636	6490

		WAITING TO COMMENCE TREATMENT CATEGORY GRADE 5 WAIT BAND						
		1-6 mths	7-12 mths	13- 24mths	25- 36mths	37-48 mths	over 4 years	TOTAL
DML	Former East Coast (Loughlinstown)	60	6	156	139	129	56	546
DML	Former South West (St James's)	86	47	114	254	126	113	740
DML	Midlands	115	2	130	64	37	31	379
DNE	DNE	5	5	79	220	222	138	669
SOUTH	South	89	73	352	555	274	43	1386
SOUTH	South East	154	74	181	366	362	658	1795
WEST	Mid Western	110	3	105	155	124	92	589
WEST	Western	106	46	230	183	78	5	648
	TOTAL	725	256	1347	1936	1352	1136	6752