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**Deputy David Cullinane**  
**Dáil Eireann**  
**Leinster House**  
**Kildare Street**  
**Dublin 2**

**PQ 57607/22: To ask the Minister for Health the number of adults and children on public dental and orthodontic waiting lists in October 2019 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 Quarter 4 2019). 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 4 2019).

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

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Joe Green', is positioned above a horizontal line.

**Joseph Green**  
**AND, National Oral Health Lead - Operations**



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## **Appendix 1: HSE Dental Service KPI Data End Q4 2019**

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

CHO	LHO	Q4 2019
<b>National Total</b>		<b>151,392</b>
<b>CHO 1</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>19,266</b>
CHO 1	Cavan Monaghan	5,116
CHO 1	Donegal	8,321
CHO 1	Sligo Leitrim	5,829
<b>CHO 2</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>12,145</b>
CHO 2	Galway	4,317
CHO 2	Mayo	3,690
CHO 2	Roscommon	4,138
<b>CHO 3</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>11,632</b>
CHO 3	Clare	4,148
CHO 3	Limerick	2,544
CHO 3	North Tipperary East Limerick	4,940
<b>CHO 4</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>20,641</b>
CHO 4	Kerry	3,419
CHO 4	North Cork	4,105
CHO 4	North Lee	5,175
CHO 4	South Lee	6,369
CHO 4	West Cork	1,573

<b>CHO 5</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>18,638</b>
CHO 5	Carlow Kilkenny	4,992
CHO 5	South Tipperary	6,239
CHO 5	Waterford	3,919
CHO 5	Wexford	3,488
<b>CHO 6</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>8,143</b>
CHO 6	Dun Laoghaire/ Dublin South East/Wicklow	8,143
<b>CHO 7</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>25,180</b>
CHO 7	Dublin South City	3,175
CHO 7	Dublin South West	5,242
CHO 7	Dublin West	5,420
CHO 7	Kildare West Wicklow	11,343
<b>CHO 8</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>17,842</b>
CHO 8	Laois Offaly	3,154
CHO 8	Longford Westmeath	4,317
CHO 8	Louth	5,547
CHO 8	Meath	4,824
<b>CHO 9</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>17,905</b>
CHO 9	Dublin North	7,419
CHO 9	Dublin North Central	2,676
CHO 9	Dublin North West	7,810

**Appendix 2: End Q4 2019 HSE Orthodontic waiting lists for treatment (Combined Grade 4 and Grade 5 Wait List Numbers)**

		Waiting < 2 years on the treatment waiting list	Waiting 2-4 years on the treatment waiting list	Waiting > 4 years on the treatment waiting list	Totals
<b>Former East Coast (Loughlinstown)</b>		533	475	36	1044
<b>Former South West (St James's)</b>		967	1132	55	2154
<b>Midlands</b>		624	534	910	2068
<b>DNE</b>		1,682	1148	503	3333
<b>South</b>		1,738	810	0	2548
<b>South East</b>		1,224	1345	454	3023
<b>Mid Western</b>		743	786	154	1683
<b>North West</b>		486	104	0	590
<b>Western</b>		1,087	622	0	1709
<b>Totals</b>		9084	6956	2112	18152