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Ms. Kathleen Funchion TD  
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**PQ 48784/22**

**To ask the Minister for Health the number of children on the dental appointment waiting list for counties Carlow and Kilkenny as of 27 September 2022; the average waiting times; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Funchion,

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

*I have reviewed the matter and the following outlines the current position.*

**Wait list for Assessment & Treatment of Target School Classes**

Target School Classes are 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> and cover 100 National Schools

- 41 schools in Carlow
- 59 schools in Kilkenny

Period of Target School Classes	Carlow	Kilkenny	Total	Average Wait Times
Wait list for Sept '20 – Jun'21	1779	2406	4185	24 months (estimate)
Wait list for Sept '21 – Jun '22	2605	3296	5901	18 months (estimate)
Wait list for Sept' 22 – Jun 23			Estimate based on previous year 5900	12+ months (estimate)
Total			15986	

Please be assured that the HSE dental service monitors the waiting list on an ongoing basis in the overall context of available resources and prioritisation criteria.

I trust this information is of assistance to you. Should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Anna Marie Lanigan".

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**Anna Marie Lanigan**  
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