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To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide details of the current wait list for persons under 18 years of age awaiting orthodontic treatment in County Wexford; if he will provide a breakdown of the number of persons waiting 24, 36 and 48 months and longer respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

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To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients over the age of 18 years awaiting orthodontic treatment in County Wexford who were identified as requiring treatment before 18 years of age; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Murphy,

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

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

Orthodontic treatment is provided by the HSE where the person is eligible under HSE guidelines. A modified Index of Treatment Needs (IOTN) system is used to determine if a child can be accepted for treatment.

Once a person is deemed eligible they are placed on the orthodontic treatment waiting list. Unfortunately the HSE Orthodontic Service has had an extensive waiting list which has increased significantly over the last few years due to the challenges between increased demand for services and the availability of trained staff.

Number of Patients on Orthodontic treatment Waiting list, Co. Wexford

Wait band	Under 18 years	Over 18 years
0-24 months	148	3
24-36 months	82	2
36-48 months	122	14
> 48 months	181	98

Please be assured that the HSE orthodontic 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,



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