



Our Ref: PQ/49879/22

07<sup>th</sup> November 2022

**Deputy David Cullinane**  
**Dáil Eireann**  
**Dublin 2**

Dear Deputy Cullinane

I refer to your PQ which has been forwarded to me for attention.

**PQ: To ask the Minister for Health the number of children with scoliosis waiting for a procedure at the end of August and at the end of September 2022; the number waiting greater than six months and 12 months; 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.

<b>Spinal Inpatient Waiting List</b>	<b>All Scoliosis patients waiting on Spinal surgery</b>	<b>Waiting &gt;6 months</b>	<b>Waiting &gt;12 months</b>
CHI at Crumlin Spinal Fusion as at 31/08/2022	73	40	13
CHI at Crumlin Spinal Other as at 31/08/2022	75	27	8
CHI at Crumlin Spinal Fusion as at 30/09//2022	67	36	12
CHI at Crumlin Spinal Other as at 30/09/2022	86	26	6
CHI at Temple Street Spinal Fusion as at 26/08/2022	30	21	10



Spinal Inpatient Waiting List	All Scoliosis patients waiting on Spinal surgery	Waiting >6 months	Waiting >12 months
CHI at Temple Street Spinal Other as at 26/08/2022	32	12	1
CHI at Temple Street Spinal Fusion as at 30/09/2022	26	19	9
CHI at Temple Street Spinal Other as at 30/09/2022	33	10	2
CHI at Temple Street Spinal Fusion as at 26/08/2022	30	21	10
National Orthopaedic Hospital Cappagh (NOHC) Spinal Fusion as at 31/08/2022	4	0	0
National Orthopaedic Hospital Cappagh (NOHC) Spinal Fusion as at 30/09/2022	2	0	0
National Orthopaedic Hospital Cappagh (NOHC) Spinal Other as at 31/08/2022	0	0	0
National Orthopaedic Hospital Cappagh (NOHC) Spinal Other as at 30/09/2022	0	0	0

**Accompanying notes for data in above table:**

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



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### National Orthopaedic Hospital Cappagh

All patients on the National Orthopaedic Hospital Cappagh waiting list for August and September were under 3 months on their waiting list.

Yours sincerely

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