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Deputy David Cullinane  
Dáil Eireann  
Dublin 2

Dear Deputy Cullinane

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

**PQ: To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a breakdown of the number of children on waiting lists for grommet insertions in CHO6 by wait times (0-3 months, 3-6 months, 6-9 months and so on).**

**Children's Health Ireland (CHI) Response:**

Children's Health Ireland (CHI) are committed to reducing our waiting lists and supporting initiatives that ensure that children receive care appropriately and in a timely manner. CHI continue to monitor all waiting lists, including our ENT waiting list for grommets insertion.

The Minister for Health has introduced national maximum wait time targets for 2022 to ensure that all patients have their hospital procedure within 12 months. CHI is committed to addressing our waiting list through the immediate delivery of additional activity within the private and public systems and is working towards improving patient pathways of care. These will ensure the availability of more timely access to care for children.

**Number of children on waiting lists for grommet insertions in CHO6:**

Wait time band (in months)	0-3 months	3-6 months	Grand total
No. of patients	<5	<5	6

Source: NTPF Report 13.10.2022

As above, CHI have a total of 6 patients on waiting lists for grommet insertions in CHO6, all of which are waiting less than 6 months.

Yours sincerely

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