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Mr. Marc Ó Cathasaigh TD Dáil Éireann Leinster House Dublin 2

PQ 41979/22

To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of waiting list and the length of waiting lists by age for children of all ages on waiting lists for dental care in County Waterford in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

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To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of waiting list and the length of waiting lists by age for children of all ages on waiting lists for dental care in Waterford city in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Ó Cathasaigh,

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.

Waiting list for children for dental care in Waterford City and County

Date	Classes	Total No. of Children Waiting
2019/2020, 2020/2021,	2 nd and 6 th	17,230
2021/2022 and *2022/2023		

^{*}those who became eligible on 1st September 2022

A more detailed breakdown by age is not available.

In addition, there are 61 children under the age of 10 years awaiting dental extraction under General Anaesthesia in University Hospital Waterford.

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

Yours sincerely,

Anna Marie Lanigan Head of Service-Primary Care/Assistant National Director

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