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**PQ 42503/22**

**To ask the Minister for Health the current wait list for persons under 18 years of age awaiting orthodontal treatment at Wexford primary care centre, Grogans Road; 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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**PQ 42504/22**

**To ask the Minister for Health the current wait list for persons under 18 years of age awaiting orthodontal treatment at Enniscorthy primary care centre; the number of persons waiting 24, 36 and 48 months and longer, respectively; 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.

The orthodontic service for Country Wexford is based in Enniscorthy. There is no orthodontic service based in Wexford Primary Care Centre, Grogans Rd, Wexford.

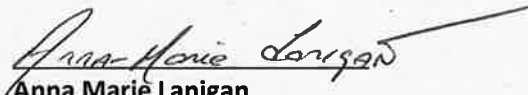
**Waiting list for persons under 18 years of age awaiting orthodontal treatment in Co. Wexford**

<b>Age</b>	<b>No. of persons under 18 years of age awaiting orthodontic treatment in Co. Wexford</b>
0-24 months	153 patients
24 months-36 months	83 patients
36-48 months	113 patients
>48 months	173 patients

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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