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20th September 2022

Deputy Mary Lou McDonald
Dáil Eireann
Dublin 2

Dear Deputy McDonald

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

To ask the Minister for Health the number of children currently on the waiting list for spinal fusion surgery at Temple Street Children's Hospital; the length of time that each child has been on the waiting list in tabular form.

Childrens Health Ireland (CHI) Response:

I have followed up with Children's Health Ireland (CHI) and set out here-under the information which you require.

	Patients waiting for Spinal Fusion surgery	Number of Spinal Fusion patients suspended
CHI at Temple Street Spinal Fusion	35*	5**

*The total number of patients on waiting lists for spinal fusion surgery at CHI at Temple Street who are clinically deemed as requiring surgery as of 26th August 2022 including suspensions.

**The number of patients suspended from the waiting list as patient is deemed temporarily unavailable, clinically unsuitable or has a provisional date for outsourcing for their procedure. This includes all suspensions (hospital or patient initiated).

I have set out on the next page waiting time bands for spinal fusion patients as of 26th of August 2022.



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Spinal Fusion Waiting list for Temple Street

Spinal Fusion								
	0-3 Months	3-6 Months	6-9 Months	9-12 Months	12-15 Months	15-18 Months	18+ Months	Total
Active	7	4	5	1	3	4	0	24
TCI	0	0	2	0	1	1	2	6
Suspended	0	0	1	1	0	0	3	5
Planned	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	7	4	8	2	4	5	5	35

*TCI – a provisional date has been scheduled for the patient to come in to CHI at Temple Street to have their surgery.

Yours sincerely

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