



Ref: PQ 17478/23

02nd May 2023

Deputy David Cullinane
Dáil Eireann
Dublin 2

Dear Deputy Cullinane

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

PQ 17478/23: To ask the Minister for Health the number of paediatric orthopaedic appointments, by appointment type, cancelled in January and February 2019-2023, inclusive, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Children's Health Ireland (CHI) Response:

On the 04th of April, Children's Health Ireland (CHI) provided you with the number of paediatric orthopaedic appointments, by appointment type, cancelled in January and February 2019-2022 inclusive in response to your parliamentary question 12415/23.

Please find set out here-under the information that you require for January and February 2023. Please see accompanying notes for each site below the tables.

Please note that data includes rescheduled appointments. Appointments are rescheduled for a number of reasons - some are hospital initiated such as when a Consultant is on leave or capacity is needed for urgent cases (eg post operation/infection) etc. Other appointments are rescheduled at the request of the parent or guardian for example if the child is unwell, away on holidays, has exams etc.

Rescheduled appointments are scheduled for the next available date based on the prioritisation of the appointment.

CHI endeavour to avoid cancelling and rescheduling appointments however there are circumstances outside of our control which require us to do so in some instances.

**CHI at Crumlin:**

	New	Return	Total
January 2023	7	63	70
February 2023	4	47	51

*Please note; Crumlin data does not include Crumlin activity performed in Connolly

Please note that CHI at Tallaght is facilitating Crumlin Orthopaedic Trauma clinics. CHI at Tallaght has no orthopaedic clinics. Crumlin data for cancelled clinics above includes CHI at Tallaght statistics.

Data in above table is hospital initiated cancellations and reschedules.

Reasons for cancellations include Consultant not available, clinic is overbooked and rescheduling is required to make room for urgent or post-operative patients that need to be seen as a priority. Clinic numbers sometimes need to be reduced if there is not sufficient NCHD cover to support a full clinic.

Cancelled = Outpatient department (OPD) appointment was cancelled and not rescheduled

Rescheduled = OPD was cancelled and rescheduled

CHI at Temple Street:

	New	Return	Total
January 2023	0	9	9
February 2023	0	13	13

Cancelled = OPD was cancelled and not rescheduled

Rescheduled = OPD was cancelled and rescheduled

Cancelled appointments are those initiated by the hospital.

Rescheduled appointments include appointments cancelled by parents or guardians as well as those that are hospital initiated.



CHI at Connolly:

	New	Return	Total
January 2023	0	1	1
February 2023	0	4	4

Cancelled = OPD was cancelled and not rescheduled

Rescheduled = OPD was cancelled and rescheduled

Cancelled appointments are those initiated by the hospital.

Rescheduled appointments include appointments cancelled by parents or guardians as well as those that are hospital initiated.

Yours sincerely

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