



Our Ref: PQ 35052/23

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Deputy David Cullinane
Dáil Eireann
Dublin 2

Dear Deputy Cullinane

I refer to your below parliamentary question which has been forwarded to me for attention. Firstly, please accept my apologies for the delay in issuing a response.

PQ 35052/23: To ask the Minister for Health to outline, in tabular form, the number of children with scoliosis who had surgery carried out from 2018 to date, broken down by month, by hospital and by wait time in the following categories: 0 to 4 months, 4 to 6 months, 6 to 9 months, 9 months to a year, over a year, over 2 years, over 3 years, over 4 years and over 5 years; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Children's Health Ireland (CHI) Response:

Please see attached the data you require from Children's Health Ireland (CHI) and the National Orthopaedic Hospital Cappagh (NOHC). Please note that this data includes active, pre-admit and planned procedures (including suspensions).

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

In reference to your request for time-bands within this PQ, in order to provide this information CHI staff would have to manually pull charts and read relevant patient records. This would be a timely exercise and not best use of public resources. This information cannot be easily extracted and would seriously disrupt normal work to collate.

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