



Our Ref: PQ 35054/23

27<sup>th</sup> July 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 35054/23: To ask the Minister for Health the number of children with scoliosis waiting for surgery from 1 June 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, in tabular form, broken down by overall number on waiting list; the length of time they are waiting as in 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 further broken down by those waiting for spinal fusion, and numbers waiting for other spinal procedures; 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).

Yours sincerely

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