



Ref: PQ 35351/23

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Deputy Michael Ring
Dáil Eireann
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Dear Deputy Ring

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 35351/23 - To ask the Minister for Health the average waiting time for a child to be assessed by Crumlin Hospital for scoliosis; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Children's Health Ireland (CHI) Response:

Thank you for clarifying via email on 17th August that for the purpose of this PQ you are seeking the average waiting time for a first outpatient appointment.

Children's Health Ireland (CHI) can advise that the average waiting time for an outpatient appointment at CHI at Crumlin across all categories (Non urgent, semi-urgent and urgent) is 29 Weeks.

All patients are placed on the waiting list in chronological order and are treated firstly on the basis of clinical priority and secondly on the basis of length of wait.

Should a patient's medical condition deteriorate while on the waiting list, contact should be made with their GP for a further assessment and updated information should be sent to the relevant Consultant/Speciality.

Yours sincerely

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