



Ref: PQ 30370/23

07th 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 30370/23 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of children with scoliosis waiting for surgery on 1 May 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Children's Health Ireland (CHI) Response:

Please find set out here-under the information you require from Children's Health Ireland (CHI) and the National Orthopaedic Hospital Cappagh (NOHC). Please note that below 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).

CHI at Crumlin: No data available for 2015 - 2017

Spinal Inpatient Waiting List as of April month end	Number Waiting for Spinal Fusion including suspended	Number of Spinal Fusion patients suspended	Number waiting for Other Spinal procedures	Number of Spinal Other Patients Suspended
2015	No data available	No data available	No data available	No data available
2016	No data available	No data available	No data available	No data available
2017	No data available	No data available	No data available	No data available
2018	94	33	71	11
2019	64	5	49	0
2020	66	4	56	2
2021	95	8	45	2
2022	97	17	61	1
2023	109	24	103	3

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CHI at Temple Street: No data available prior to 2017 for number of patients waiting on spinal surgery

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2015	No data available	No data available	No data available	No data available
2016	No data available	No data available	No data available	No data available
2017	16	0	15	1
2018	23	8	27	1
2019	14	4	33	4
2020	22	2	30	1
2021	28	2	28	0
2022	38	5	27	0
2023	33	3	35	0

National Orthopaedic Hospital Cappagh (NOHC): Not applicable prior to 2019

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2016	No data available	No data available	No data available	No data available
2017	No data available	No data available	No data available	No data available
2018	No data available	No data available	No data available	No data available
2019	16	1	0	0
2020	20	1	0	0
2021	8	0	0	0
2022	12	1	0	0
2023	10	0	0	0

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