



07th December 2023

Mr Martin Browne TD,
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

PQ 42219 To ask the Minister for Health the number of children who have availed of the cross border directive scheme (CBD Scheme) to receive orthodontic treatment in each of the last 3 years; to provide the data per CHO; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Browne,

Thank you for your parliamentary question referenced above which has been forwarded to me for reply with regard to the Cross Border Directive scheme.

The Cross Border Directive (CBD) is a scheme to get planned healthcare in another European Union (EU) or European Economic Area (EEA) member state, which is underpinned by EU legislation. The patient must pay upfront for the healthcare they get abroad and under the scheme can apply to the HSE for reimbursement towards the cost of the healthcare after treatment. The patient needs a valid referral and must qualify for the healthcare as a public patient in Ireland.

Activity relating to the Overseas Treatment Schemes is not collated at Community Healthcare Organisation (CHO) level. The following data outlines the number of approved applications for reimbursement for Orthodontic treatment from 2021-2023 (End of Sept).

Orthodontic treatment	2021	2022	2023 (End Sept)
CBD	167	215	221
NIPHS	N/A*	13	175
Total		228	396

*Where data is in relation to 5 or less this data is not released

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,

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