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Ms. Verona Murphy TD
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PQ 38256/23

To ask the Minister for Health the total number of persons' under 18 years of age who are currently waiting to commence orthodontic treatment in County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

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PQ 38257/23

To ask the Minister for Health the number of person's awaiting to commence orthodontic treatment in County Wexford that have been removed from the treatment waiting list and placed into care with private providers via the Waiting List Action Plan 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

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PQ 38258/23

To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients over the age of 18 awaiting commencement of orthodontic treatment in County Wexford who were identified as requiring treatment before 18 years of age; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

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PQ 38259/23

To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons awaiting orthodontic treatment in County Wexford for 36 months or longer; 48 months or longer and 60 months or longer; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Murphy,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Questions, which were submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

I have examined the matter and the following composite response outlines the current position.

Waiting time for orthodontic treatment	Number of people on waiting list < 18 years	Number of people on waiting list >18 years	Total number of people on waiting list
> 60 months	101	60	161
48-60 months	74	39	113
36-48 months	76	6	82
24-36 months	58	8	66
0-24 months	189	7	196
Total	498	120	618

All patients listed above have been referred to the orthodontic service before reaching 18 years of age.

Regarding the treatment waiting list initiative (Waiting List Action Plan), the Consultant Orthodontist has been advised by the National Oral Health Office that 17 patients with an address in Co. Wexford have so far accepted treatment under this scheme in 2023. A response is awaited for a further 10 patients. One patient has declined the offer and indicated they wished to remain on the HSE treatment waiting list. 25 others either did not respond or advised they have already started their treatment privately.

Please be assured that the HSE orthodontic service monitors the waiting list on an ongoing basis in the overall context of available resources and prioritisation criteria.

I trust this information is of assistance to you. Should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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