



Ref: PQ 39330/23

18th October 2023

Deputy Jennifer Whitmore
Dáil Eireann
Dublin 2

Dear Deputy Whitmore

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 39330/23: To ask the Minister for Health the number of children with scoliosis on the operation waiting list by hospital; the number of those who have complex needs; the average waiting times for those children; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Children's Health Ireland (CHI) Response:

Please see the data you require from Children's Health Ireland (CHI) and the National Orthopaedic Hospital Cappagh (NOHC) below.

Please note that this data includes active, pre-admit and planned procedures, both including suspensions and excluding suspensions.

Spinal Inpatient Waiting List as at 08/09/2023	All Scoliosis patients waiting on Spinal surgery (ex. Suspensions)	Number of which have complex needs*	Average waiting time of complex need patients*
CHI at Crumlin Spinal Fusion	107	60	21 months
CHI at Crumlin Spinal Other	93	18	6 months
CHI at Temple Street Spinal Fusion	23	17	18.94 months
CHI at Temple Street Spinal Other	31	24	8.37 month
NOHC Spinal Fusion	10	n/a	n/a
Totals	264	119	n/a

The National Orthopaedic Hospital Cappagh do not treat complex cases.

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