



Ref: PQ 39331/23

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 39331/23: To ask the Minister for Health the waiting times for children with scoliosis, including the details for those with complex needs; the number waiting 0-4, 4-12 and over 12 months by hospital, in tabular form; 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 below data includes all active, pre-admit and planned procedures for patients waiting on spinal surgery, including those with a date scheduled for their procedure. This data does not include suspended patients.

Spinal Inpatient Waiting List	All Scoliosis patients waiting on Spinal surgery	Number of which have complex needs*	Patients waiting 0-4 months	Patients waiting 4-12 months	Patients waiting > 12 months
CHI at Crumlin Spinal Fusion as at 15/09/2023	108	60	38	55	15
CHI at Crumlin Spinal Other as at 15/09/2023	100	18	39	38	23
CHI at Temple Street Spinal Fusion as at 15/9/23	23	18	2	8	13
CHI at Temple Street Spinal Other as at 15/9/23	31	23	11	14	6
NOHC Spinal Fusion as at 15/09/2023	10	0	10	0	0
NOHC Spinal Other	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Totals	272	119	100	115	57

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Please note that The National Orthopaedic Hospital Cappagh do not treat complex cases.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Fiona Murphy', written in a cursive style.

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