



Ref: PQ 40477/23

19th October 2023

Deputy Pádraig O'Sullivan
Dáil Eireann
Dublin 2

Dear Deputy O'Sullivan

I refer to your below parliamentary question which has been forwarded to me for attention.

PQ 40477/23 – To ask the Minister for Health the average waiting times for children with scoliosis; the number waiting 0 to 4, 4 to 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	Patients waiting 0-4 months	Patients waiting 4-12 months	Patients waiting > 12 months	Average waiting time
CHI at Crumlin Spinal Fusion as at 15/09/2023	108	38	55	15	12 months
CHI at Crumlin Spinal Other as at 15/09/2023	100	39	38	23	7 months
CHI at Temple Street Spinal Fusion as at 15/9/23	23	2	8	13	16 months
CHI at Temple Street Spinal Other as at 15/09/23	31	11	14	6	7 months
NOHC Spinal Fusion as at 15/09/2023	10	10	0	0	2 months
NOHC Spinal Other	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Totals	272	100	115	57	

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