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REF: PQ 41260/23

RE: To ask the Minister for Health how many patients are on the orthodontic assessment waiting list in Galway; how long the current waiting time is; how many patients are on the orthodontic treatment waiting list; what the current wait time is; if there are currently any unfilled clinical positions in the Galway service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Seán Canney

Dear Deputy Canney,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply to you directly in the context of the request for information referenced above.

In response to your query, we have contacted the Orthodontics Department. Please see below in response to your queries:

- We can confirm there are 369 patients on the Orthodontic Assessment Waiting List. The current waiting time is 6 months.
- There are 809 patients on the Orthodontic Treatment Waiting List. The current waiting time is 3 years for routine cases and less than 1 year for urgent cases (which can vary).
- There was one Nursing Post vacant which has recently been filled and is awaiting a start date.

I trust this clarifies the matter.

Yours sincerely,



Chris Kane
General Manager
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