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PQ 20720/24: To ask the Minister for Health the number of people on a waiting list for dental and orthodontic treatment, by age, CHO and wait time, in tabular form.

Dear Deputy Shortall,

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

The HSE Community Dental Service targets children in key school years (6th, 2nd and 4th classes), offering them dental examinations, preventive care and restorative treatments for conditions noted, and is resource dependent. As part of targeting of resources, each dental service maintains a commitment to urgent/emergency treatment for the relief of pain, infection, and the sequelae of trauma.

Access to funded orthodontic treatment is limited to those children with the most severe and complex orthodontic treatment needs. The Modified Index of Treatment Needs (Modified IOTN) system is used in all regions to determine if a child will be accepted for treatment, children whose treatment need is assessed as being in Grade 4 or Grade 5 of the Index are offered treatment with the HSE. I wish to advise the Deputy that the data is not available as requested. The tables below detail the latest KPI data for the Dental and Orthodontic Service (end Q1 2024). The reported metric for the Dental Service is the number of new oral health patients in target groups attending for scheduled assessment.

The National Service Plan supports the implementation of the Government's National Oral Health Policy, Smile Agus Sláinte, including the development of comprehensive oral healthcare packages for roll-out to children aged from birth to seven years of age. I trust this information is of assistance to you, but if you require further clarification please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely,

Anne O'Neill
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Table 1: The number of new oral health patients in target groups attending for scheduled assessment

CHO	LHO	Q1 2024
National Total		27739
CHO 1	Total	3331
CHO 1	Cavan Monaghan	846
CHO 1	Donegal	1467
CHO 1	Sligo Leitrim	1018
CHO 2	Total	2088
CHO 2	Galway	443
CHO 2	Mayo	748
CHO 2	Roscommon	897
CHO 3	Total	1700
CHO 3	Clare	671
CHO 3	Limerick	619
CHO 3	North Tipperary East Limerick	410
CHO 4	Total	4700
CHO 4	Kerry	765
CHO 4	North Cork	1003
CHO 4	North Lee	1379
CHO 4	South Lee	1239
CHO 4	West Cork	314
CHO 5	Total	2903
CHO 5	Carlow Kilkenny	571
CHO 5	South Tipperary	1149
CHO 5	Waterford	646
CHO 5	Wexford	537
CHO 6	Total	1445
CHO 6	Dun Laoghaire/ Dublin South East/Wicklow	1445
CHO 7	Total	4032
CHO 7	Dublin South City	939
CHO 7	Dublin South West	670
CHO 7	Dublin West	1314
CHO 7	Kildare West Wicklow	1109
CHO 8	Total	2897
CHO 8	Laois Offaly	316
CHO 8	Longford Westmeath	520
CHO 8	Louth	1156
CHO 8	Meath	905
CHO 9	Total	4643
CHO 9	Dublin North	1667
CHO 9	Dublin North Central	1201
CHO 9	Dublin North West	1775

Table 2 No. of orthodontic patients waiting to commence treatment following assessment Q1 2024

No. of orthodontic patients (grade 5) waiting to commence treatment following assessment								
		1-6 mths	7-12 mths	13-24 mths	25-36 mths	37-48mths	Over 48 mths	Totals
DML	Former East Coast (Loughlinstown)*							0.0
DML	Former South West (St James's)	89.0	363.0	209.0	114.0	60.0	78.0	913.0
DML	Midlands	65.0	49.0	17.0	11.0	0.0	4.0	146.0
DNE	DNE	137.0	531.0	474.0	338.0	104.0	77.0	1,661.0
SOUTH	South	255.0	85.0	185.0	206.0	85.0	405.0	1,221.0
SOUTH	South East	172.0	129.0	269.0	256.0	71.0	547.0	1,444.0
WEST	Mid Western	64.0	61.0	111.0	123.0	6.0	218.0	583.0
WEST	North West	150.0	15.0	69.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	234.0
WEST	Western	149.0	136.0	319.0	223.0	14.0	0.0	841.0
Totals		1,081.0	1,369.0	1,653.0	1,271.0	340.0	1,329.0	7,043.0

No. of orthodontic patients (grade 4) waiting to commence treatment following assessment								
		1-6 mths	7-12 mths	13-24 mths	25-36 mths	37-48mths	Over 48 mths	Totals
DML	Former East Coast (Loughlinstown)*							0.0
DML	Former South West (St James's)	86.0	148.0	56.0	36.0	14.0	19.0	359.0
DML	Midlands	49.0	6.0	11.0	6.0	0.0	20.0	92.0
DNE	DNE	77.0	154.0	132.0	134.0	77.0	196.0	770.0
SOUTH	South	392.0	94.0	172.0	237.0	88.0	443.0	1,426.0
SOUTH	South East	113.0	74.0	211.0	76.0	9.0	179.0	662.0
WEST	Mid Western	23.0	15.0	29.0	17.0	0.0	51.0	135.0
WEST	North West	65.0	4.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	69.0
WEST	Western	76.0	74.0	243.0	156.0	2.0	0.0	551.0
Totals		881.0	569.0	854.0	662.0	190.0	908.0	4,064.0

* Former East Coast (Loughlinstown)* Orthodontic Unit data for Q1 2024 not currently available