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PQ 5197/25: To ask the Minister for Health the number of children on a school dental screening service waiting list, by age in CHO in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Rice,

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 Health Services Executive delivers dental services to children under the age of 16, provided through 17 Dental Areas, all of which continue to provide routine services.

The school dental service provides examination and any necessary preventive and restorative treatment noted at examination. The programme commences with 6th class and follows with 2nd and 4th- depending on available resources. 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.

I wish to advise the Deputy that the data is not available as requested. The table below provides KPI data on the total number of dental examinations undertaken within the Community Dental Service in years 2023 - 2024 for those who are participating in a targeted programme (target group 6-8yrs of age /1st or 2nd class, target group 11-13yrs of age / 5th or 6th class and other target groups).

**No. of new oral health patients in target group 6-8yrs of age /1st or 2nd class attending
for scheduled assessment**

			2023	2024
National Total			12,384.0	14,902.0
HSE Dublin & Midlands	Total		743.0	747.0
HSE Dublin & Midlands	Dublin South City		548.0	270.0
HSE Dublin & Midlands	Dublin South West		0.0	0.0
HSE Dublin & Midlands	Dublin West		113.0	340.0
HSE Dublin & Midlands	Kildare West Wicklow		1.0	0.0
HSE Dublin & Midlands	Laois Offaly		7.0	65.0
HSE Dublin & Midlands	Longford Westmeath		74.0	72.0
HSE Dublin & North East	Total		3,698.0	5,256.0
HSE Dublin & North East	Cavan Monaghan		0.0	0.0
HSE Dublin & North East	Dublin North		493.0	2,302.0
HSE Dublin & North East	Dublin North Central		1,015.0	981.0
HSE Dublin & North East	Dublin North West		2,068.0	1,922.0

HSE Dublin & North East	Louth		122.0	38.0
HSE Dublin & North East	Meath		0.0	13.0
HSE Dublin & South East	Total		2,514.0	3,223.0
HSE Dublin & South East	Carlow Kilkenny		504.0	742.0
HSE Dublin & South East	Dun Laoghaire		1.0	3.0
HSE Dublin & South East	South Tipperary		1,032.0	1,183.0
HSE Dublin & South East	Waterford		440.0	731.0
HSE Dublin & South East	Wexford		537.0	564.0
HSE Mid West	Total		2,272.0	3,040.0
HSE Mid West	Clare		936.0	1,208.0
HSE Mid West	Limerick		707.0	934.0
HSE Mid West	North Tipperary East Limerick		629.0	898.0
HSE South West	Total		220.0	244.0
HSE South West	Kerry		220.0	244.0
HSE South West	North Cork		0.0	0.0

HSE South West	North Lee		0.0	0.0
HSE South West	South Lee		0.0	0.0
HSE South West	West Cork		0.0	0.0
HSE West & North West	Total		2,937.0	2,392.0
HSE West & North West	Donegal		1,089.0	973.0
HSE West & North West	Galway		753.0	391.0
HSE West & North West	Mayo		65.0	7.0
HSE West & North West	Roscommon		901.0	696.0
HSE West & North West	Sligo Leitrim		129.0	325.0
No. of new oral health patients in target group 11-13yrs of age / 5th or 6th class attending for scheduled assessment				
National Total			49,988.0	51,807.0
HSE Dublin & Midlands	Total		7,798.0	7,389.0
HSE Dublin & Midlands	Dublin South City		1,646.0	1,737.0
HSE Dublin & Midlands	Dublin South West		759.0	0.0
HSE Dublin & Midlands	Dublin West		2,613.0	2,650.0

HSE Dublin & Midlands	Kildare West Wicklow		504.0	531.0
HSE Dublin & Midlands	Laois Offaly		681.0	873.0
HSE Dublin & Midlands	Longford Westmeath		1,595.0	1,598.0
HSE Dublin & North East	Total		10,141.0	10,339.0
HSE Dublin & North East	Cavan Monaghan		1,509.0	1,420.0
HSE Dublin & North East	Dublin North		3,425.0	2,410.0
HSE Dublin & North East	Dublin North Central		2,355.0	878.0
HSE Dublin & North East	Dublin North West		2,622.0	1,858.0
HSE Dublin & North East	Louth		152.0	2,157.0
HSE Dublin & North East	Meath		78.0	1,616.0
HSE Dublin & South East	Total		5,947.0	6,269.0
HSE Dublin & South East	Carlow Kilkenny		498.0	460.0
HSE Dublin & South East	Dun Laoghaire		3,219.0	3,323.0
HSE Dublin & South East	South Tipperary		872.0	1,183.0
HSE Dublin & South East	Waterford		846.0	703.0

HSE Dublin & South East	Wexford		512.0	600.0
HSE Mid West	Total		2,706.0	3,040.0
HSE Mid West	Clare		1,107.0	1,113.0
HSE Mid West	Limerick		949.0	1,239.0
HSE Mid West	North Tipperary East Limerick		650.0	688.0
HSE South West	Total		16,318.0	16,469.0
HSE South West	Kerry		2,035.0	2,679.0
HSE South West	North Cork		3,950.0	3,675.0
HSE South West	North Lee		4,664.0	4,938.0
HSE South West	South Lee		3,919.0	4,144.0
HSE South West	West Cork		1,750.0	1,033.0
HSE West & North West	Total		7,078.0	8,301.0
HSE West & North West	Donegal		2,071.0	2,134.0
HSE West & North West	Galway		1,334.0	1,017.0
HSE West & North West	Mayo		1,529.0	1,437.0

HSE West & North West	Roscommon		1,462.0	1,592.0
HSE West & North West	Sligo Leitrim		682.0	2,121.0
No. of new oral health patients in other target groups accessed in a planned manner for scheduled assessment				
National Total			42,116.0	40,255.0
HSE Dublin & Midlands	Total		11,932.0	11,134.0
HSE Dublin & Midlands	Dublin South City		1,140.0	1,161.0
HSE Dublin & Midlands	Dublin South West		2,298.0	3,233.0
HSE Dublin & Midlands	Dublin West		2,010.0	1,648.0
HSE Dublin & Midlands	Kildare West Wicklow		5,038.0	3,764.0
HSE Dublin & Midlands	Laois Offaly		919.0	659.0
HSE Dublin & Midlands	Longford Westmeath		527.0	669.0
HSE Dublin & North East	Total		14,076.0	12,347.0
HSE Dublin & North East	Cavan Monaghan		3,452.0	1,626.0
HSE Dublin & North East	Dublin North		1,945.0	2,250.0

HSE Dublin & North East	Dublin North Central		1,405.0	1,803.0
HSE Dublin & North East	Dublin North West		3,413.0	2,509.0
HSE Dublin & North East	Louth		1,561.0	1,905.0
HSE Dublin & North East	Meath		2,300.0	2,254.0
HSE Dublin & South East	Total		9,065.0	9,443.0
HSE Dublin & South East	Carlow Kilkenny		1,160.0	1,544.0
HSE Dublin & South East	Dun Laoghaire		2,680.0	2,670.0
HSE Dublin & South East	South Tipperary		2,669.0	2,712.0
HSE Dublin & South East	Waterford		1,513.0	1,452.0
HSE Dublin & South East	Wexford		1,043.0	1,065.0
HSE Mid West	Total		82.0	178.0
HSE Mid West	Clare		72.0	126.0
HSE Mid West	Limerick		6.0	25.0
HSE Mid West	North Tipperary East Limerick		4.0	27.0
HSE South West	Total		268.0	314.0

HSE South West	Kerry		268.0	314.0
HSE South West	North Cork		0.0	0.0
HSE South West	North Lee		0.0	0.0
HSE South West	South Lee		0.0	0.0
HSE South West	West Cork		0.0	0.0
HSE West & North West	Total		6,693.0	6,839.0
HSE West & North West	Donegal		2,552.0	2,262.0
HSE West & North West	Galway		631.0	462.0
HSE West & North West	Mayo		1,278.0	1,173.0
HSE West & North West	Roscommon		1,578.0	1,292.0
HSE West & North West	Sligo Leitrim		654.0	1,650.0

The HSE's 2025 National Service Plan aims to continue to develop services and implement waiting list initiatives across a range of dental and orthodontic services and maximise activity across these services to manage waiting lists and waiting times. The 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,

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