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PQ 38174/25:

To ask the Minister for Health the number of adults and children on HSE dental and orthodontic waiting lists at the end of quarter 2 for each year from 2023 to 2025, broken down by standard waiting times, by area, in tabular form.

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

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 attached Excel WorkBooks detail KPI data for the Dental and Orthodontic Service (2023 to latest available data 2025). The reported metric for the Dental Service is the number of new oral health patients in target groups attending for scheduled assessment.

The ability to offer services to each of the school years has been limited due to availability of dental staff. 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 treatment with the HSE Orthodontic Service 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 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
Assistant National Director, Oral Health**

| Total no. of new oral health patients in target groups attending for scheduled assessment | | Q2 2023 | Q2 2024 | YTD May 2025 |
|---|-------------------------------|---------|---------|--------------|
| National Total | | 52593 | 55965 | 41014 |
| HSE Dublin & Midlands | Total | 10681 | 9618 | 6923 |
| HSE Dublin & Midlands | Dublin South City | 1457 | 1813 | 1064 |
| HSE Dublin & Midlands | Dublin South West | 1823 | 1522 | 1164 |
| HSE Dublin & Midlands | Dublin West | 2681 | 2293 | 1492 |
| HSE Dublin & Midlands | Kildare West Wicklow | 2538 | 2169 | 1555 |
| HSE Dublin & Midlands | Laois Offaly | 936 | 657 | 664 |
| HSE Dublin & Midlands | Longford Westmeath | 1246 | 1164 | 984 |
| HSE Dublin & North East | Total | 13332 | 15211 | 10965 |
| HSE Dublin & North East | Cavan Monaghan | 2850 | 1553 | 1024 |
| HSE Dublin & North East | Dublin North | 2318 | 3652 | 2977 |
| HSE Dublin & North East | Dublin North Central | 1847 | 2255 | 1029 |
| HSE Dublin & North East | Dublin North West | 4301 | 3646 | 2582 |
| HSE Dublin & North East | Louth | 866 | 2120 | 1624 |
| HSE Dublin & North East | Meath | 1150 | 1985 | 1729 |
| HSE Dublin & South East | Total | 8985 | 9318 | 7737 |
| HSE Dublin & South East | Carlow Kilkenny | 1236 | 1400 | 1066 |
| HSE Dublin & South East | Dun Laoghaire | 2836 | 3105 | 2338 |
| HSE Dublin & South East | South Tipperary | 2381 | 2383 | 2417 |
| HSE Dublin & South East | Waterford | 1433 | 1358 | 1111 |
| HSE Dublin & South East | Wexford | 1099 | 1072 | 805 |
| HSE Mid West | Total | 2578 | 3191 | 2349 |
| HSE Mid West | Clare | 964 | 1323 | 988 |
| HSE Mid West | Limerick | 898 | 1068 | 626 |
| HSE Mid West | North Tipperary East Limerick | 716 | 800 | 735 |
| HSE South West | Total | 8820 | 9133 | 5941 |
| HSE South West | Kerry | 1283 | 1654 | 1367 |
| HSE South West | North Cork | 2134 | 1984 | 1292 |
| HSE South West | North Lee | 2362 | 2666 | 1585 |
| HSE South West | South Lee | 2031 | 2312 | 1415 |
| HSE South West | West Cork | 1010 | 517 | 282 |
| HSE West & North West | Total | 8197 | 9494 | 7099 |
| HSE West & North West | Donegal | 3072 | 3063 | 2197 |
| HSE West & North West | Galway | 1068 | 1132 | 788 |
| HSE West & North West | Mayo | 1395 | 1456 | 1084 |
| HSE West & North West | Roscommon | 2102 | 1804 | 1525 |
| HSE West & North West | Sligo Leitrim | 560 | 2039 | 1505 |

| No.of orthodontic patients (grade 5) waiting to commence treatment following assessment 2023 (end of Q2) | | | | | | | | |
|--|------------------------------------|----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|--------------|--------|
| | | 1-6 mths | 7-12 mths | 13-24 mths | 25-36 mths | 37-48mths | Over 48 mths | Totals |
| DML | Former East Coast (Loughlinstown)* | 203 | 152 | 11 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 370 |
| DML | Former South West (St James's)* | 208 | 130 | 138 | 78 | 172 | 50 | 776 |
| DML | Midlands | 118 | 20 | 36 | 2 | 2 | 11 | 189 |
| DNE | DNE | 49 | 173 | 208 | 180 | 145 | 271 | 1026 |
| SOUTH | South | 148 | 75 | 242 | 134 | 312 | 272 | 1183 |
| SOUTH | South East | 139 | 128 | 269 | 140 | 157 | 652 | 1485 |
| WEST | Mid Western | 105 | 45 | 176 | 50 | 113 | 218 | 707 |
| WEST | North West* | 28 | 0 | 87 | 81 | 12 | ? | 208 |
| WEST | Western | 167 | 121 | 320 | 29 | 26 | 0 | 663 |
| Totals | | 1165 | 844 | 1487 | 697 | 940 | 1474 | 6607 |

| No.of orthodontic patients (grade 4) waiting to commence treatment following assessment 2023 | | | | | | | | |
|--|------------------------------------|----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|--------------|--------|
| | | 1-6 mths | 7-12 mths | 13-24 mths | 25-36 mths | 37-48mths | Over 48 mths | Totals |
| DML | Former East Coast (Loughlinstown)* | 79 | 17 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 103 |
| DML | Former South West (St James's)* | 44 | 20 | 29 | 34 | 9 | 24 | 160 |
| DML | Midlands | 27 | 1 | 9 | 2 | 12 | 74 | 125 |
| DNE | DNE | 29 | 90 | 59 | 45 | 68 | 173 | 464 |
| SOUTH | South | 122 | 43 | 258 | 155 | 424 | 428 | 1430 |
| SOUTH | South East | 111 | 90 | 178 | 95 | 131 | 381 | 986 |
| WEST | Mid Western | 53 | 9 | 18 | 7 | 16 | 35 | 138 |
| WEST | North West* | 9 | 7 | 6 | 1 | 11 | | 34 |
| WEST | Western | 113 | 109 | 297 | 5 | 23 | | 547 |
| Totals | | 587 | 386 | 859 | 346 | 694 | 1115 | 3987 |

| 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)* | 89 | 83 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 172 |
| DML | Former South West (St James's)* | 176 | 62 | 377 | 201 | 98 | 47 | 961 |
| DML | Midlands | 95 | 23 | 31 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 156 |
| DNE | DNE | 31 | 170 | 331 | 193 | 136 | 95 | 956 |
| SOUTH | South | 257 | 171 | 260 | 215 | 130 | 305 | 1338 |
| SOUTH | South East | 205 | 136 | 269 | 259 | 128 | 456 | 1453 |
| WEST | Mid Western | 48 | 56 | 126 | 122 | 34 | 217 | 603 |
| WEST | North West* | 130 | 68 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 198 |
| WEST | Western | 246 | 107 | 291 | 282 | 14 | 0 | 940 |
| Totals | | 1277 | 876 | 1685 | 1275 | 540 | 1124 | 6777 |

| 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)* | 49 | 20 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 69 |
| DML | Former South West (St James's)* | 159 | 154 | 59 | 35 | 31 | 4 | 442 |
| DML | Midlands | 77 | 24 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 114 |
| DNE | DNE | 9 | 71 | 108 | 62 | 54 | 76 | 380 |
| SOUTH | South | 392 | 219 | 226 | 242 | 143 | 460 | 1682 |
| SOUTH | South East | 100 | 99 | 206 | 111 | 24 | 154 | 694 |
| WEST | Mid Western | 30 | 9 | 34 | 22 | 4 | 53 | 152 |
| WEST | North West* | 69 | 34 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 103 |
| WEST | Western | 133 | 59 | 181 | 252 | 4 | 0 | 629 |
| Totals | | 1018 | 689 | 818 | 726 | 261 | 753 | 4265 |

| No.of orthodontic patients (grade 5) waiting to commence treatment following assessment | | | | | | | | |
|---|------------------------------------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|
| | | 1-6 mths | 7-12 mths | 13-24 mth | 25-36 mth | 37-48mths | Over 48 m | Totals |
| DML | Former East Coast (Loughlinstown)* | 135.0 | 146.0 | 40.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 321.0 |
| DML | Former South West (St James's)* | 176.0 | 145.0 | 276.0 | 168.0 | 72.0 | 0.0 | 837.0 |
| DML | Midlands | 60.0 | 58.0 | 40.0 | 8.0 | 1.0 | 4.0 | 171.0 |
| DNE | DNE | 224.0 | 226.0 | 495.0 | 448.0 | 205.0 | 162.0 | 1,760.0 |
| SOUTH | South | 122.0 | 107.0 | 332.0 | 171.0 | 110.0 | 107.0 | 949.0 |
| SOUTH | South East | 142.0 | 165.0 | 345.0 | 264.0 | 239.0 | 400.0 | 1,555.0 |
| WEST | Mid Western | 54.0 | 112.0 | 121.0 | 118.0 | 113.0 | 78.0 | 596.0 |
| WEST | North West* | 125.0 | 25.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 150.0 |
| WEST | Western | 190.0 | 191.0 | 244.0 | 180.0 | 103.0 | 0.0 | 908.0 |
| Totals | | 1,228.0 | 1,175.0 | 1,893.0 | 1,357.0 | 843.0 | 751.0 | 7,247.0 |

| No.of orthodontic patients (grade 4) waiting to commence treatment following assessment | | | | | | | | |
|---|------------------------------------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|
| DML | | 1-6 mths | 7-12 mths | 13-24 mth | 25-36 mth | 37-48mths | Over 48 m | Totals |
| DML | Former East Coast (Loughlinstown)* | 78.0 | 91.0 | 7.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 176.0 |
| DML | Former South West (St James's)* | 108.0 | 115.0 | 188.0 | 74.0 | 42.0 | 0.0 | 527.0 |
| DML | Midlands | 44.0 | 59.0 | 56.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 168.0 |
| DNE | DNE | 90.0 | 119.0 | 269.0 | 177.0 | 75.0 | 157.0 | 887.0 |
| SOUTH | South | 113.0 | 137.0 | 581.0 | 161.0 | 116.0 | 109.0 | 1,217.0 |
| SOUTH | South East | 99.0 | 106.0 | 190.0 | 131.0 | 78.0 | 139.0 | 743.0 |
| WEST | Mid Western | 44.0 | 25.0 | 29.0 | 29.0 | 18.0 | 14.0 | 159.0 |
| WEST | North West* | 58.0 | 38.0 | 6.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 102.0 |
| WEST | Western | 190.0 | 160.0 | 166.0 | 143.0 | 86.0 | 0.0 | 745.0 |
| Totals | | 824.0 | 850.0 | 1,492.0 | 718.0 | 418.0 | 422.0 | 4,724.0 |