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To ask the Minister for Health the number of children and adults on the orthodontic waiting lists in Wicklow; the average waiting times for appointments, broken down by 1, 3, 6 and 12 months plus; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Brady,

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 Orthodontic Service is provided in Regional Orthodontic Units. Access to treatment with the HSE Orthodontic Service is limited to those children with the most severe and complex orthodontic treatment needs. Referral for orthodontic assessment is usually made in 6th Class. The Modified Index of Treatment Needs (Modified IOTN) system is used in all regions to determine if a child will be accepted for treatment. There are a number of categories within the Modified IOTN system, and these are used to prioritise care, 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 below tables detail KPI data (as at June 2025) for the number of patients on a treatment waiting list across each category of need from the relevant HSE Orthodontic Regional Unit. It should be noted that this unit treats patients residing in Dublin South East and Wicklow.

**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
HSE Orthodontic Unit St. Columcille's, Loughlinstown Dublin 18 (CHO 7)	135.0	146.0	40.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	321.0

**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
HSE Orthodontic Unit St. Columcille's,Loughlinstown Dublin 18 (CHO 7)	78.0	91.0	7.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	176.0

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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