



Ref: PQ 42683/25

08<sup>th</sup> September 2025

**Deputy Martin Daly**  
**Dáil Eireann**  
**Dublin 2**

Dear Deputy Daly

I refer to your parliamentary question below which has been forwarded to me for attention.

**PQ 42683/25 – To ask the Minister for Health the number of spinal fusion patients currently waiting less than four months for treatment for both Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Crumlin and Temple Street Children's University Hospital for the end of June 2025 or the latest date available; the number waiting 4-8 months and more than 8 months; and if she would provide the same information for other spinal patients, in tabular form.**

**Children's Health Ireland (CHI) Response:**

Children's Health Ireland (CHI) can advise that since October 2024, CHI's spinal surgery waiting lists have been aligned with the NTPF's reporting structure. This is the way in which all other waiting lists are compiled and reported across the health service: [New Spinal Service Waiting List & Activity Report – Your Questions Answered | Children's Health Ireland](#)

The figures requested can be found on the NTPF's website: [Waiting List Reports - NTPF](#)

In addition, CHI's Spinal Surgery Management Unit publishes a monthly *Waiting List and Activity Report* on [www.childrenshealthireland.ie/spinal](http://www.childrenshealthireland.ie/spinal). This is updated and published on the second Friday of every month, in line with NTPF protocols.

Since the 01<sup>st</sup> January 2019, the three existing children's hospitals in Dublin were brought under the umbrella of Children's Health Ireland. Since then, the hospitals have been renamed as: CHI at Crumlin, CHI at Temple Street, CHI at Tallaght, and an additional urgent care centre in CHI at Connolly.

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Yours sincerely

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