



Ref: PQ 11401/25

07th April 2025

Deputy Johnny Guirke
Dáil Eireann
Dublin 2

Dear Deputy Guirke

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

PQ 11401/25 – To ask the Minister for Health the number of people below the age of 18 in Meath waiting on treatment for scoliosis; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

Children's Health Ireland (CHI) Response:

Please be advised that Children's Health Ireland (CHI) is unable to release the information you require specifically in relation to patients in County Meath waiting on treatment for scoliosis due to patient confidentiality.

The waiting list for scoliosis is a CHI waiting list and includes children from all counties. Patients are treated firstly on the basis of clinical priority and secondly on the basis of length of wait.

I can advise that the scoliosis operational plan is in place and CHI is working on improving access times for all children with scoliosis. Please visit www.childrenshealthireland.ie/spinal for waiting list and activity reports along with regular updates.

Yours sincerely

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