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To ask the Minister for Health the current wait list for persons under 18 years-of-age awaiting orthodontal treatment in County Wexford; the number of persons waiting 24, 36 and 48 months and longer, respectively, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Mythen,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which was submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

I have reviewed the matter and the following table outlines the current position.

Current waiting list for Orthodontal Treatment-Primary Care Wexford

Time waiting	No of persons currently waiting treatment
0-24 months	202
24-36 Months	75
36-48 Months	38
48 Months +	114

The Orthodontic Service in the South East is a consultant-led regional service across Carlow, Kilkenny, South Tipperary, Waterford and Wexford. Qualification for treatment is determined by nationally agreed eligibility guidelines based on an international grading system (IOTN). All patients are classified by severity of need in accordance with the IOTN and patients with greatest clinical need are prioritised for treatment.

In recent years, the National Oral Health Office has organised treatment waiting list initiatives for patients (IOTN Category 4 patients) experiencing long waiting periods on HSE orthodontic waiting lists.

Treatment outsourced under a structured procurement framework to private service providers contracted to the HSE.

This year, 64 potential cases across the South East area submitted for consideration of suitability for this scheme.

I trust this information is of assistance to you. Should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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