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Deputy Sherlock,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House
Dublin 2

27234/25: To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on wait lists at the supra-regional endometriosis specialist centres in Tallaght and Cork University Maternity Hospital and five regional endometriosis hubs in the Rotunda, the Coombe Hospital, the National Maternity Hospital, University Hospital Limerick and University Hospital Galway, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Sherlock,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The HSE established a suite of activity metrics in 2024 in order to capture the number of referrals and number of patients seen in the two supra-regional endometriosis services. Official data collection commenced in August 2024, with services returning data to the HSE in a monthly in arrears pattern and data subsequently undergoing validation.

With reference to the data requested, please see tables below:

Referrals	Aug-24	Sept-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25
CUMH	Unavailable	Unavailable	50	65	27	39	25
TUH	24	16	18	12	21	28	19

Table 1. Total referral numbers for the period August 2024 – February 2025

Please note data in relation to referrals by county of origin is not collated at national level.

Waiting times		
Feb 2025	CUMH	TUH
Total patients	92	308
3 - 6 months	87	150
6 - 12 months	5	132
12 + months	0	26

Table 2. Breakdown of waiting list by waiting time as of end of February 2025

In relation to wait times in TUH, prior to being formally identified and resourced to develop into a supra-regional service in the area of endometriosis care and management, TUH had within its own resources and based on the expertise and experience of existing consultants, commenced the development and provision of a specialist endometriosis service. With the structured investment from the HSE in this area of care in TUH, additional capacity is now being created in terms of actively addressing and managing a historic waiting list in this area of care. As such it is expected by the HSE that wait times for access to the TUH service will reduce going forward.

I trust this clarifies the matter.

Yours sincerely,

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