



Ref: PQ 45447/25

12<sup>th</sup> September 2025

**Deputy Ken O'Flynn**  
**Dáil Eireann**  
**Dublin 2**

Dear Deputy O'Flynn

I refer to your parliamentary question.

**PQ 45447/25 – To ask the Minister for Health if she will commit to publishing monthly, publicly accessible reports on paediatric spinal surgery waiting lists, including numbers, average wait times, cancellations, and rescheduled procedures, in order to ensure transparency and accountability.**

**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](#)

In addition, the 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.

Yours sincerely

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