

18th December 2023

Deputy Sean Crowe (T.D.). Dáil Éireann, Leinster House, Kildare Street, Dublin 2 E:<u>first.second@oireachtas.ie</u>

Re: 53933/23

Dear Deputy Crowe,

I refer to the Representation seeking an update on the number of people currently on the waiting list for the Centre for Obesity Management; and the average waiting time to access services once a referral has been made in St Columcille's Hospital, which has been referred to the Ireland East Hospital Group for direct response.

I have had this matter examined and am advised the following: Patients currently on COB waiting list:

• 4,978

Average wait time on COB wait list:

- 6 years for routine
- 2-3 years for category 1 urgent.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

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