



24th April 2024

Deputy Ruairí Ó'Murchú
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
Dublin

Re PQ – 54554/23- To ask the Minister for Health how many grade 4 waiting list patients were seen in the CHO8 area under the HSE orthodontic treatment waiting list initiative in 2021, 2022 and 2023; how much was spent on this category for the same years; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Ó Murchú,

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 outlined the position as follows.

The Orthodontic Waiting List Initiative managed centrally by the National Oral Health Office of the HSE, invites patients who have been assessed using the HSE eligibility guidelines – (HSE Modified IOTN)- as Grade 4 cases and who were waiting nationally over four years for treatment, to transfer their care to a private contracted service provider. The details outlined below show the number of Grade 4 patients for the years 2021; 2022 and 2023 who have accepted transfer from the HSE to private service providers.

CHO8 Louth Meath:

YEAR	Number of patients accepting	Amount Spent
2021	77	€200,929.95
2022	238	€683,795.53
2023	256	€889,530.88

CHO8 Midlands:

YEAR	Number of patients accepting	Amount Spent
2021	83	€216,586.01
2022	189	€543,014.01
2023	257	€893,005.61

I trust the above is in order but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,



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