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Deputy Sorca Clarke,

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Leinster House

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PQ 50539/23

To ask the Minister for Health the average waiting time for a lower limb prosthesis in the public health service

Dear Deputy Clarke,

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.

Response:

In relation to your request above, the HSE does not hold information centrally around this specific query. As such this query was referred to the NTPF who collect and collate national waiting list information.

The NTPF have advised that overall data necessary to calculate average wait times on an ongoing basis is not available, specifically the time to treatment of patients who have already received their care is not collected. The NTPF collect data on patients currently on the waiting list and the average time that these patients have been waiting in this context has been provided: As of the 26/10/2023 the average waiting time in days for lower limb prosthesis is 291 days. It should be noted that there are less than 20 patients waiting for this procedure and complexity of patient's condition and other comorbidities may influence timeframes that patients wait.

I trust that this answers your question.

Yours sincerely,

**Trish King
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