



29th April 2024

Deputy Brian Stanley
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
Dublin 2

Re: PQ 15963/24 To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a breakdown of waiting lists for dental surgery and orthodontics for CHO8 by county and by year from January 2019 to January 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter

Dear Deputy Stanley

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted for response.

I have examined the matter and outlined the position as follows;

Please see below waiting list for children 6th class National School children in CHO8:

	Louth	Meath	Laois	Offaly	Longford	Westmeath
School Year	Total Numbers Waiting	Total Numbers Waiting	Total Numbers Waiting	Total Numbers Waiting	Total Numbers Waiting	Total Numbers Waiting
2019-2020	0	0	893	0	0	0
2020-2021	0	31	1717	214	0	0
2021-2022	672	785	1541	1141	0	0
2022-2023	2,328	2,174	1504	933	89	352
2023-2024	2,899	2,614	1402	1100	618	1297



Please see below waiting list by category for orthodontics in CHO8:

YEAR	LOUTH		MEATH		LAOIS		OFFALY		LONGFORD		WESTMEATH	
	Category 4	Category 5	Category 4	Category 5	Category 4	Category 5	Category 4	Category 5	Category 4	Category 5	Category 4	Category 5
Jan - Dec 2019	15	19	13	9	2	0	1	0	0	0	2	0
Jan - Dec 2020	5	5	5	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jan - Dec 2021	15	42	21	22	1	0	2	0	1	2	1	7
Jan - Dec 2022	10	71	22	72	2	3	4	3	2	3	1	4
Jan - Dec 2023	36	75	17	81	9	24	5	9	8	19	13	29
Jan-24	10	8	21	29	4	5	1	2	2	10	17	23

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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