



9th August 2024

Deputy Pauline Tully
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
Dublin 2

Re PQ ref 33537/24: To ask the Minister for Health the number of children and adults on the orthodontic waiting lists in County Cavan and County Monaghan; the average waiting times for an appointment in each county; how many are waiting more than six months in each county, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Tully

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 outline the position as follows.

TREATMENT WAITING LIST ANALYSIS BY CATEGORY & CLINIC LOCATION					
Location	MONAGHAN		CAVAN		
	Category 4	Category 5	Category 4	Category 5	
No. on Waiting List	54	127	30	130	
Waiting more than 6 months	54	113	24	64	

Average time for waiting list assessments is approx. 12 weeks.

We are unable to give a timeframe for average time for waiting list treatment due to staff shortages.

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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