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PQ 11983/24: To ask the Minister for Health the number of children who are currently on waiting lists for dental appointments through the school age dental service in County Wicklow, broken down by town/municipal district, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Brady,

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

The HSE Dental Service targets children in key school years (2nd, 4th and 6th classes), offering them dental examinations, preventive care and restorative treatments for conditions noted. For routine and preventive services, patient groups are prioritised with children and adults with special care needs given the highest priority, followed by children in 6th class. The ability to offer services to each of the school years has been limited due to availability of dental staff. As part of targeting of resources, each dental service maintains a commitment to urgent/emergency treatment for the relief of pain, infection, and the sequelae of trauma.

I wish to advise the Deputy the data is not available as requested. The reported metric for the Dental Service is the number of new oral health patients in target groups attending for scheduled assessment. Table 1 details KPI data for CHO 6 and CHO 7 for 2019-2023.

Table 2 details KPI data for CHO 6 and CHO 7 for the number of new oral health patients (aged less than 16 years) attending for unscheduled assessment.

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but if you require further clarification please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely,

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Table 1: number of new oral health patients in target groups attending for scheduled assessment.

CHO	LHO	Q4 2019	Q4 2020	Q4 2021	Q4 2022	Q4 2023
CHO 6	Total	8,143	4,054	6,743	5,678	5,900
CHO 6	Dun Laoghaire/ Dublin South East/Wicklow	8,143	4,054	6,743	5,678	5,900
CHO 7	Total	25,180	9,534	12,059	15,151	16,670
CHO 7	Dublin South City	3,175	1,627	2,363	3,456	3,334
CHO 7	Dublin South West	5,242	2,136	2,860	2,812	3,057
CHO 7	Dublin West	5,420	2,014	3,561	4,446	4,736
CHO 7	Kildare West Wicklow	11,343	3,757	3,275	4,437	5,543

Table 2: No. of new oral health patients (aged less than 16 years) attending for unscheduled assessment (KPI Jan 2024)

CHO 6	Dun Laoghaire	171.0
CHO 6	Total	171.0
CHO 7	Dublin South City	74.0
CHO 7	Dublin South West	173.0
CHO 7	Dublin West	169.0
CHO 7	Kildare West Wicklow	126.0
CHO 7	Total	542.0