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PQ 11985/24: To ask the Minister for Health the number of children and adults on the orthodontic waiting list in Wicklow; the average waiting times for appointments broken down by 1, 3, 6 and 12+ months, 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.

Access to treatment with the HSE Orthodontic Service is limited to those children with the most severe and complex orthodontic treatment needs. The Modified Index of Treatment Needs (Modified IOTN) system is used in all regions to determine if a child will be accepted for treatment, children whose treatment need is assessed as being in Grade 4 or Grade 5 of the Index are offered treatment with the HSE.

The data is not available by as requested but is available by Regional Orthodontic Unit. Patients in Wicklow who have been assessed and accepted for orthodontic treatment will be placed on the Loughlinstown Orthodontic Unit treatment waiting list. Appendix 1 details KPI data for the Loughlinstown Orthodontic Unit (end 2023). Please note patients outside of Wicklow may also be on this treatment waiting list.

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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Appendix 1: No. of orthodontic patients waiting to commence treatment following assessment

No.of orthodontic patients (grade 5) waiting to commence treatment following assessment								
		1-6 mths	7-12 mths	13-24 mths	25-36 mths	37-48mths	Over 48 mths	Totals
DML	Former East Coast (Loughlinstown)*	150.0	102.0	96.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	348.0

No.of orthodontic patients (grade 4) waiting to commence treatment following assessment								
		1-6 mths	7-12 mths	13-24 mths	25-36 mths	37-48mths	Over 48 mths	Totals
DML	Former East Coast (Loughlinstown)*	33.0	59.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	92.0