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Ref: PQ 21058/24

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Deputy Paul Murphy Dáil Eireann Dublin 2

Dear Deputy Murphy

I refer to your below parliamentary question which has been forwarded to me for attention.

PQ 21058/24 – To ask the Minister for Health to provide a breakdown of the average waiting time on waiting lists for operations at CHI for those with spina bifida without scoliosis and those with scoliosis.

Children's Health Ireland (CHI) Response:

Children's Health Ireland (CHI) are currently validating waiting lists and working with the NTPF to extract a separate Spinal Waiting list report which will be inclusive of Spina Bifida patients and will be aligned to the NTPF protocols for both Inpatient day cases, Planned procedures and Outpatients waiting lists. This will provide Spinal wait time bands, urgency and waiting list status i.e. Active, Suspended etc. This work is due for completion by the end of May 2024.

Yours sincerely

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