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Deputy Reada Cronin
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To ask the Minister for Health the number of children and adults on the dental appointment waiting list in County Kildare; the average waiting times for appointments; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Cronin,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in regard to your parliamentary question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for a response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The Health Service Executive can confirm the HSE's dental services in this area operate across Kildare, West Wicklow and Dublin South West. The below information pertains to this area.

1. Number of children waiting for dental extractions under general anaesthetic: 125. Average waiting time: 1-40 weeks.
2. Number of adults waiting for dental treatment under general anaesthetic: 20. Average waiting time: 3 years +
3. Children waiting to be targeted under the school dental programme:

Academic year	Second classes	Fourth classes (estimated)	Sixth classes
2020/2021	5459*	5000*	0
2021/2022	5554*	5000*	0
2022/2023	5606*	5000*	75- estimated waiting time 4 months
2023/2024	5518*	5000*	3485- estimated waiting time 12-18 months
2024/2025	Data not yet available	Data not yet available	Data not yet available

4. Other adults and children are referred to specialist services and waiting lists are held in those facilities.
5. Children and adults requiring routine dental treatment under dental general anaesthetic- no service available.
6. Adults requiring minor oral surgery- no service available.

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

Yours sincerely,



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