



1st November 2024

Deputy Pauline Tully
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
Dublin 2

Re; PQ 43042/24: To ask the Minister for Health the number of children and adults on the orthodontic waiting lists in County Cavan and County Monaghan; and the average waiting times for an appointment in each county in 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and to date in 2024, all in tabular form – Pauline Tully

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 outlined the position as follows.

Please find waiting list figures below for Orthodontics Clinics in County Cavan and Monaghan:-

TREATMENT WAITING LIST ANALYSIS BY CATEGORY & CLINIC LOCATION				
YEAR	MONAGHAN		CAVAN	
	Category 4	Category 5	Category 4	Category 5
Jan - Dec 2020	5	1	3	0
Jan - Dec 2021	6	20	6	22
Jan - Dec 2022	7	46	7	34
Jan - Dec 2023	12	50	14	74
Jan-Oct 2024	11	25	31	42
Sub Total	41	142	61	172
Total	183		233	
Overall Total = 416				

Average time for Waiting List Assessments is approximately 12 weeks. We are unable to give a timeframe on 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Margaret M.J. Kelleher". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'M'.

Margaret Kelleher
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