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REF: PQ 36620/24

RE: To ask the Minister for Health the waiting time for assessment and the waiting time for treatment at the pain clinic in UHG; the number of people waiting for treatment; the length of time they have been waiting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Seán Canney

Dear Deputy Canney,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply to you directly in the context of the request for information referenced above.

In response to your query, please see detailed below the current waiting time for outpatient assessment in the Pain Clinic. Please note that the 'suspended' patients have been outsourced to the private sector for assessment and treatment.

Specialty

Count of hospital name

Row Labels	<input type="button" value="↕"/> 0-3 Months	3-6 Months	6-9 Months	9-12 Months	12-15 Months	15-18 Months	18-21 Months	21-24 Months	24-36 Months	Grand Total
Has Appointment Date	5	1		33	68	2				109
No Appointment Date	194	152	103	85		1				535
Suspended					5	20	2	10	10	47
Grand Total	199	153	103	118	73	23	2	10	10	691

Once the patient has been assessed in the Pain Clinic, if suitable, they are listed for treatment. Please see waiting times for treatment below:

Specialty **Pain Relief**

Count of Hospital Name	Column Labels						
Row Labels	0-3 Mths	3-6 Mths	6-9 Mths	9-12 Mths	12-15 Mths	Grand Total	
ACTIVE	296	284	307	265	26	1178	
PREADMIT	13	2	1	28	57	101	
SUSPENSION	24		1	4	76	105	
Grand Total	333	286	309	297	159	1384	

*(Active = No appointment, Preadmit = Has a date, Suspension = Outsourced to the private sector)

There has been a significant amount of progress made over the past few years in regards to improving waiting times for assessment and treatment.

I trust this clarifies the matter.

Yours sincerely,



Chris Kane
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