



14th February 2025

Mr Paul Lawless, TD
Leinster House
Kildare Street
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RE: PQ1775/25

To ask the Minister for Health the total number of people currently waiting for public dental appointments in Mayo; the number whom have been waiting 3, 6, 12 months, 1 and 2 years, in tabular form.

Dear Deputy Lawless

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Representation which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

To estimate the total number of children currently waiting for an appointment, would include not just the target class 6th class but also children who are on our recall and review list and children attending as emergencies and awaiting an appointment for final treatment and children in special care.

I have given a table of the numbers of 6th class who we are currently targeting. Each year this is reviewed throughout the year to estimate the capacity to move onto a 2nd target class. 6th class 2023/2024 were seen and completed late and we commenced the 6th class 2024/2025 in October 2024.

Class	Total number of children	3mts	6mts	9mts	1yr	2yrs	4yrs
6 th Class	2075	500	700	600	275	0	n/a
4 th Class	1968					1968	n/a
2 nd Class	1925						*1925

*(*Target 2024/2025 6th Class, review 2nd Class later in the year. If unable to target 2nd Class, they will have a four year wait to be seen and 4th Class will have a two year wait.*

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours Sincerely

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