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**Deputy Michael Cahill**  
Dáil Eireann  
Leinster House  
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Dublin 2

**PQ 46720/24: To ask the Minister for Health the number of children on a school dental screening service waiting list, by age in CHO in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Cahill,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for response.

The Health Services Executive delivers dental services to children under the age of 16, provided through 17 Dental Areas, all of which continue to provide routine services.

The school dental service provides examination and any necessary preventive and restorative treatment noted at examination. The programme commences with 6<sup>th</sup> class and follows with 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>- depending on available resources. As part of targeting of resources, each dental service maintains a commitment to urgent/emergency treatment for the relief of pain, infection, and the sequelae of trauma.

I wish to advise the Deputy that the data is not available as requested. The table below provides KPI data on the total number of dental examinations undertaken within the Community Dental Service in years 2023 - 2024 for those who are participating in a targeted programme (target group 6-8yrs of age /1st or 2nd class, target group 11-13yrs of age / 5th or 6th class and other target groups).

**No. of new oral health patients in target group 6-8yrs of age /1st or 2nd class attending  
for scheduled assessment**

			2023	2024
<b>National Total</b>			<b>12,384.0</b>	<b>14,902.0</b>
HSE Dublin & Midlands	<b>Total</b>		<b>743.0</b>	<b>747.0</b>
HSE Dublin & Midlands	Dublin South City		<b>548.0</b>	<b>270.0</b>
HSE Dublin & Midlands	Dublin South West		<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
HSE Dublin & Midlands	Dublin West		<b>113.0</b>	<b>340.0</b>
HSE Dublin & Midlands	Kildare West Wicklow		<b>1.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
HSE Dublin & Midlands	Laois Offaly		<b>7.0</b>	<b>65.0</b>
HSE Dublin & Midlands	Longford Westmeath		<b>74.0</b>	<b>72.0</b>
HSE Dublin & North East	<b>Total</b>		<b>3,698.0</b>	<b>5,256.0</b>
HSE Dublin & North East	Cavan Monaghan		<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
HSE Dublin & North East	Dublin North		<b>493.0</b>	<b>2,302.0</b>
HSE Dublin & North East	Dublin North Central		<b>1,015.0</b>	<b>981.0</b>
HSE Dublin & North East	Dublin North West		<b>2,068.0</b>	<b>1,922.0</b>

HSE Dublin & North East	Louth		<b>122.0</b>	<b>38.0</b>
HSE Dublin & North East	Meath		<b>0.0</b>	<b>13.0</b>
HSE Dublin & South East	<b>Total</b>		<b>2,514.0</b>	<b>3,223.0</b>
HSE Dublin & South East	Carlow Kilkenny		<b>504.0</b>	<b>742.0</b>
HSE Dublin & South East	Dun Laoghaire		<b>1.0</b>	<b>3.0</b>
HSE Dublin & South East	South Tipperary		<b>1,032.0</b>	<b>1,183.0</b>
HSE Dublin & South East	Waterford		<b>440.0</b>	<b>731.0</b>
HSE Dublin & South East	Wexford		<b>537.0</b>	<b>564.0</b>
HSE Mid West	<b>Total</b>		<b>2,272.0</b>	<b>3,040.0</b>
HSE Mid West	Clare		<b>936.0</b>	<b>1,208.0</b>
HSE Mid West	Limerick		<b>707.0</b>	<b>934.0</b>
HSE Mid West	North Tipperary East Limerick		<b>629.0</b>	<b>898.0</b>
HSE South West	<b>Total</b>		<b>220.0</b>	<b>244.0</b>
HSE South West	Kerry		<b>220.0</b>	<b>244.0</b>
HSE South West	North Cork		<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

HSE South West	North Lee		0.0	0.0
HSE South West	South Lee		0.0	0.0
HSE South West	West Cork		0.0	0.0
HSE West & North West	<b>Total</b>		<b>2,937.0</b>	<b>2,392.0</b>
HSE West & North West	Donegal		1,089.0	973.0
HSE West & North West	Galway		753.0	391.0
HSE West & North West	Mayo		65.0	7.0
HSE West & North West	Roscommon		901.0	696.0
HSE West & North West	Sligo Leitrim		129.0	325.0
<b>No. of new oral health patients in target group 11-13yrs of age / 5th or 6th class attending for scheduled assessment</b>				
<b>National Total</b>			<b>49,988.0</b>	<b>51,807.0</b>
HSE Dublin & Midlands	<b>Total</b>		<b>7,798.0</b>	<b>7,389.0</b>
HSE Dublin & Midlands	Dublin South City		1,646.0	1,737.0
HSE Dublin & Midlands	Dublin South West		759.0	0.0
HSE Dublin & Midlands	Dublin West		2,613.0	2,650.0

HSE Dublin & Midlands	Kildare West Wicklow		<b>504.0</b>	<b>531.0</b>
HSE Dublin & Midlands	Laois Offaly		<b>681.0</b>	<b>873.0</b>
HSE Dublin & Midlands	Longford Westmeath		<b>1,595.0</b>	<b>1,598.0</b>
HSE Dublin & North East	<b>Total</b>		<b>10,141.0</b>	<b>10,339.0</b>
HSE Dublin & North East	Cavan Monaghan		<b>1,509.0</b>	<b>1,420.0</b>
HSE Dublin & North East	Dublin North		<b>3,425.0</b>	<b>2,410.0</b>
HSE Dublin & North East	Dublin North Central		<b>2,355.0</b>	<b>878.0</b>
HSE Dublin & North East	Dublin North West		<b>2,622.0</b>	<b>1,858.0</b>
HSE Dublin & North East	Louth		<b>152.0</b>	<b>2,157.0</b>
HSE Dublin & North East	Meath		<b>78.0</b>	<b>1,616.0</b>
HSE Dublin & South East	<b>Total</b>		<b>5,947.0</b>	<b>6,269.0</b>
HSE Dublin & South East	Carlow Kilkenny		<b>498.0</b>	<b>460.0</b>
HSE Dublin & South East	Dun Laoghaire		<b>3,219.0</b>	<b>3,323.0</b>
HSE Dublin & South East	South Tipperary		<b>872.0</b>	<b>1,183.0</b>
HSE Dublin & South East	Waterford		<b>846.0</b>	<b>703.0</b>

HSE Dublin & South East	Wexford		512.0	600.0
HSE Mid West	<b>Total</b>		2,706.0	3,040.0
HSE Mid West	Clare		1,107.0	1,113.0
HSE Mid West	Limerick		949.0	1,239.0
HSE Mid West	North Tipperary East Limerick		650.0	688.0
HSE South West	<b>Total</b>		16,318.0	16,469.0
HSE South West	Kerry		2,035.0	2,679.0
HSE South West	North Cork		3,950.0	3,675.0
HSE South West	North Lee		4,664.0	4,938.0
HSE South West	South Lee		3,919.0	4,144.0
HSE South West	West Cork		1,750.0	1,033.0
HSE West & North West	<b>Total</b>		7,078.0	8,301.0
HSE West & North West	Donegal		2,071.0	2,134.0
HSE West & North West	Galway		1,334.0	1,017.0
HSE West & North West	Mayo		1,529.0	1,437.0

HSE West & North West	Roscommon		1,462.0	1,592.0
HSE West & North West	Sligo Leitrim		682.0	2,121.0
<b>No. of new oral health patients in other target groups accessed in a planned manner for scheduled assessment</b>				
<b>National Total</b>			<b>42,116.0</b>	<b>40,255.0</b>
HSE Dublin & Midlands	<b>Total</b>		<b>11,932.0</b>	<b>11,134.0</b>
HSE Dublin & Midlands	Dublin South City		1,140.0	1,161.0
HSE Dublin & Midlands	Dublin South West		2,298.0	3,233.0
HSE Dublin & Midlands	Dublin West		2,010.0	1,648.0
HSE Dublin & Midlands	Kildare West Wicklow		5,038.0	3,764.0
HSE Dublin & Midlands	Laois Offaly		919.0	659.0
HSE Dublin & Midlands	Longford Westmeath		527.0	669.0
HSE Dublin & North East	<b>Total</b>		<b>14,076.0</b>	<b>12,347.0</b>
HSE Dublin & North East	Cavan Monaghan		3,452.0	1,626.0
HSE Dublin & North East	Dublin North		1,945.0	2,250.0

HSE Dublin & North East	Dublin North Central		<b>1,405.0</b>	<b>1,803.0</b>
HSE Dublin & North East	Dublin North West		<b>3,413.0</b>	<b>2,509.0</b>
HSE Dublin & North East	Louth		<b>1,561.0</b>	<b>1,905.0</b>
HSE Dublin & North East	Meath		<b>2,300.0</b>	<b>2,254.0</b>
HSE Dublin & South East	<b>Total</b>		<b>9,065.0</b>	<b>9,443.0</b>
HSE Dublin & South East	Carlow Kilkenny		<b>1,160.0</b>	<b>1,544.0</b>
HSE Dublin & South East	Dun Laoghaire		<b>2,680.0</b>	<b>2,670.0</b>
HSE Dublin & South East	South Tipperary		<b>2,669.0</b>	<b>2,712.0</b>
HSE Dublin & South East	Waterford		<b>1,513.0</b>	<b>1,452.0</b>
HSE Dublin & South East	Wexford		<b>1,043.0</b>	<b>1,065.0</b>
HSE Mid West	<b>Total</b>		<b>82.0</b>	<b>178.0</b>
HSE Mid West	Clare		<b>72.0</b>	<b>126.0</b>
HSE Mid West	Limerick		<b>6.0</b>	<b>25.0</b>
HSE Mid West	North Tipperary East Limerick		<b>4.0</b>	<b>27.0</b>
HSE South West	<b>Total</b>		<b>268.0</b>	<b>314.0</b>



HSE South West	Kerry		<b>268.0</b>	<b>314.0</b>
HSE South West	North Cork		<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
HSE South West	North Lee		<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
HSE South West	South Lee		<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
HSE South West	West Cork		<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
HSE West & North West	<b>Total</b>		<b>6,693.0</b>	<b>6,839.0</b>
HSE West & North West	Donegal		<b>2,552.0</b>	<b>2,262.0</b>
HSE West & North West	Galway		<b>631.0</b>	<b>462.0</b>
HSE West & North West	Mayo		<b>1,278.0</b>	<b>1,173.0</b>
HSE West & North West	Roscommon		<b>1,578.0</b>	<b>1,292.0</b>
HSE West & North West	Sligo Leitrim		<b>654.0</b>	<b>1,650.0</b>

The HSE's 2025 National Service Plan aims to continue to develop services and implement waiting list initiatives across a range of dental and orthodontic services and maximise activity across these services to manage waiting lists and waiting times. The service plan supports the implementation of the Government's National Oral Health Policy, Smile Agus Sláinte, including the development of comprehensive oral healthcare packages for roll-out to children aged from birth to seven years of age.

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

Yours Sincerely,

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