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Deputy Seán Crowe
Dáil Éireann,
Dublin 2.

PQ ref 6105/26 To ask the Minister for Health the number of children on a waiting list for orthodontic treatment in the CHO7 area; the average waiting time; and the number of those waiting more than 12 months, in tabular form

Dear Deputy Crowe,

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 that the below is the number of children on the waiting list for the former CHO7 area. The Service is provided from the Orthodontic Unit Simms Building in Tallaght Dublin 24. As per the Index of Orthodontic Treatment Need (IOTN) Category 4 being significant but not extreme, dental irregularities and Category 5 indicating the more severe most dental health problems.

Category 5 patients	Length of time waiting
77	1 – 6 months
190	7 – 12 months
271	13 – 24 months
228	25 – 36 months
60	37 – 48 months
	Over 48 months (4 years)
826	

Category 4 patients	Length of time waiting
35	1 – 6 months
140	7 – 12 months
230	13 – 24 months
140	25 – 36 months
34	37 – 48 months
0	Over 48 months (4 years)
579	

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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