

'More Than A Number'

Children & Young People on Health Waiting Lists in NI

Figures from April 2022

38,628 Children waiting for a First Consultant Outpatient Appointment

1 in 11 children - Up from 1 in 12 Children last year
3,344 more children waiting than in April 2021

What is a 'First Consultant Outpatient Appointment?'

This is when a consultant first assesses a specific condition but the patient is not admitted to hospital.

It can include investigation and minor treatment. Patients may require additional follow-up/review appointments.



Over 10,000 Children waiting more than 2 years for their first appointment

8,658 Children waiting 2 - 4 years for their first appointment

3,213 more children waiting than in April 2021 - a 59% increase



1,449 Children waiting 4+ years for their first appointment

939 more children waiting than in April 2021 - a 184% increase

15,727 Children waiting over a year for their first appointment

of which

929 require **URGENT** attention (an appointment, surgery or tests)

435,071

Population aged 0 -17
Census 2021*

*Duplicate referrals not removed from statistics - one child could be on a waiting list for a number of services