

4 June 2024

Children’s Heart Surgery

How many children have travelled from Northern Ireland to Dublin each year for the past ten years, from 2013 until 2023 and 1 January 2024 to present for children’s heart surgery?

Year	NI Patients Transferred to CHI Crumlin
2013	23
2014	5
2015	67
2016	70
2017	99
2018	118
2019	159
2020	189
2021	158
2022	177
2023	209
2024	36

What is the approximate waiting time for children’s heart surgery?

Longest Wait is 10 months with average wait approximately of 4 months. Paediatric cardiac surgeries are dependent on factors such as weight. Children may be placed on the waiting list for surgery however may not receive their surgery until they have achieved a prescribed weight recommended for their surgery. These children may wait longer as a result.

How often are these operations cancelled?

The information requested is not held by Belfast Trust.

CHI would provide this information as the children are all recorded on one All Island waiting list managed at CHI Crumlin

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Since 2013, how many children have travelled from Northern Ireland to England each year for heart surgery?

Year	NI Patients Transferred to England
2013	67
2014	130
2015	118
2016	112
2017	91
2018	86
2019	68
2020	64
2021	41
2022	25
2023	16
2024	14