

## **Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTHB\_80\_16**

### **You asked:**

1. What and who determines the priority for routine hip surgery by Mr Jonathan Davies at Royal Glam Hospital?
2. What checks are made to ensure compliance with guidelines?

### **Our response:**

The responsible consultant determines clinical priority of the patients on their waiting list (i.e. Mr Jonathan Davies for his patients). Patients are then treated in order of their waiting time with clinical urgency being the most important consideration decided by the consultant, followed by the patients waiting for the longest times. The waiting list is monitored weekly by the management team to ensure that patients are treated strictly in order.

The Health Board is currently working to the Welsh Government waiting time target of treating 95% of patients within 26 weeks. Unfortunately, due to ongoing pressures in unscheduled care and increasing numbers of patients admitted to hospital, we currently have 150 patients waiting longer than 36 wks for treatment.

Weekly monitoring meetings are held where waiting times performance is very closely monitored for each specialty area and this information is reported through the Integrated Performance Dashboard to the University Health Board meetings (Board papers can be found [here](#)). The performance is also reported monthly to the Welsh Government and during the course of the year internal and external audits can take place to ensure compliance with the targets set.