

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTHB_363_19

You asked:

1. How many people are currently waiting for shoulder surgery at Princess of Wales Hospital?

There are currently 57 patients on the waiting list at the Princess of Wales Hospital. (Included in this figure are patients waiting for surgery at Neath Port Talbot Hospital.)

2. How many people were waiting for shoulder surgery at this hospital in May 2018?

There were 163 patients on the waiting list at the Princess of Wales Hospital. (Included in this figure were patients waiting for surgery at Neath Port Talbot Hospital.)

3. What is the waiting time now being advised to patients in need of this surgery in Bridgend and how does it compare with waiting times elsewhere in the board's area at its other hospitals? What is the target time for this type of operation.

The waiting time is approximately 18 months for a routine procedure at Princess of Wales Hospital.

Compared to other hospitals in the Health Board area:

For Prince Charles Hospital and Royal Glamorgan Hospital: we aim to treat within the Welsh Government Referral to Treatment (RTT) pathway guidelines of 36 weeks, however there may be occasions where this changes due to an increase in trauma and urgent cases as well as seasonal bed pressures.

Please note that the current Welsh Government target time is 26 weeks.

4. What action is the board taking to deal with any backlog of patients in a bid to reduce waiting times?

The Health Board has outsourced to the private sector for the less complex cases and has sanctioned additional weekend working at the Princess of Wales hospital for the complex cases.

5. How many people are waiting for hip replacement operations in Bridgend?

There were 111 patients on the waiting list at the Princess of Wales Hospital. (Included in this figure were patients waiting for surgery at Neath Port Talbot Hospital.)

6. How many people were waiting for hip replacement surgery in May 2018?

There were 368 patients on the waiting list at the Princess of Wales Hospital. (Included in this figure were patients waiting for surgery at Neath Port Talbot Hospital.)

7. What is the waiting time being advised to patients in Bridgend at present and how does it compare with waiting times at other hospitals run by the board? What is the target time for this type of operation?

The waiting times are approximately 18-20 months at the Princess of Wales Hospital and work is taking place to improve these waiting times.

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8. What action is being taken by the board to deal with this backlog and reduce waiting times.

The Health Board has outsourced to the private sector for the less complex cases and has sanctioned additional weekend working at the Princess of Wales hospital for the complex cases.

9. Same questions in relation to knee replacement surgery.

2018 – 722 patients awaiting knee replacement surgery

Currently – 772 patients awaiting knee replacement surgery

The waiting time is approximately 24 months for a routine procedure at Princess of Wales Hospital.

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