

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_284_20

You asked:

1. The number of patients in your health board area who are currently on the waiting list for an elective surgery. (If possible please also provide the number who have been waiting longer than the 36 weeks, as set out in the Welsh government's referral to treatment times guidelines.)
2. The number of patients in your health board area who were on the waiting list for an elective surgery immediately prior to the pause in non-emergency medical treatments because of the Covid-19 pandemic. (If possible please also provide the number who have been waiting longer than the 36 weeks, as set out in the Welsh government's referral to treatment times guidelines.)
3. The number of patients in your health board area who were on the waiting list for an elective surgery as of September 2019. (If possible please also provide the number who have been waiting longer than the 36 weeks, as set out in the Welsh government's referral to treatment times guidelines.)

Our response:

Please see response provided in the table below:

Stage 4 Referral to Treatment (RTT) Open Pathways for Surgical Specialties		
Census Date	Total	36+ Weeks
31st August 2020	13902	8223
31st January 2020	13955	2058
30th September 2019	13018	1464

At present, routine and non-urgent operations are not taking place as normal within the Health Board as a result of the restrictions associated with COVID 19, in particular social distancing.

There is focused work ongoing at present looking at how the Health Board can start fully operating again – it meets weekly and there are plans to increase activity appropriately in the coming months.