

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_296_21

You asked:

1. How many under 18s are waiting for orthodontics referrals and treatment in Cwm Taf?

Please note, waiting lists are reported on a census date of the last day of each calendar month.

The information provided in the table below shows the number of Orthodontic Referral to Treatment (RTT) Open Pathways Aged <18 on the relevant census dates:

	Census Date	Waiting
Q1	30 th June 2021	302
Q2	31 st March 2020	181
Q3	31 st December 2020	215

2. By how much has this number increased since NHS orthodontics initial assessments were suspended due to covid?

Please see response to question 1.

3. By how much has this number increased since December 2020 when the Welsh Government asked orthodontic providers to prioritise patients with the greatest need rather than a first come first served approach?

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4. Is Cwm Taf investing any money into this area to try to clear a backlog? The Welsh Government says it is allocating £270 million pounds to help health boards increase capacity and cut waiting times - will any of this help under 18s waiting for orthodontics?

There is no specific funding stream identified for Orthodontics from the Welsh Government. However, the Health Board's single handed Orthodontic Consultant is undertaking additional direct Clinical Care sessions in a bid to see patients on an urgency basis, regardless of their age, but who have been identified as urgent following the triage process and those who are currently on a treatment pathway.