

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_21_24

You asked:

- 1. Could please let me know how long the wait list is currently for patients in Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board for a hysterectomy?**

For a patient referred as at January 2024, the following are average waiting time for hysterectomy:

Median wait for Cancer is 2 weeks

Median wait for Urgent is 18 weeks

Median wait for Routine is 60 weeks

- 2. Are there any plans currently in place or being worked on to reduce this wait?**

A number of actions are being taken to reduce the existing backlog in the Gynaecology waiting list. Patients are being prioritised and all list scrutinised based on urgency, with long waits a factor in urgency. Additional theatre sessions have been allocated for day surgery to increase activity (since March 2023). Existing theatre sessions are currently under review to increase Gynaecology sessions, and return to pre-Covid capacity. A programme of work is being undertaken to review theatre efficiency and increase capacity through efficiency improvements. Any additional theatres made available are utilised for longest waiting patients where possible.

- 3. Does Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board have any facilities able to provide hysterectomies? If not, where are patients' referred too?**

Yes, Cwm Taf Morgannwg offer Hysterectomies at Prince Charles Hospital (PCH), Royal Glamorgan Hospital (RGH) and Princess of Wales hospital (POW). The location offered to each patient will depend on the assessed anaesthetic fitness of the patient. RGH cannot accommodate complex cases or high BMI patients, there patients are transferred to PCH or POW for surgery. Complex cancer cases requiring treatment are referred to a tertiary centre at Cardiff & Vale or Swansea Bay University Health Boards.

- 4. Are patients who are transgender included on the generalised hysterectomy wait list, or required to go to a gender and identity related surgeon instead?**

If the procedure is clinically indicated, the patient is placed on the general waiting list.