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Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_310_23

You asked:

Please could you answer the below relating to the health board.

Could the response be supplied in the exact number of weeks people can expect to wait and the exact number of people who are waiting.

1. How many people are on a waiting list for a first appointment with the following specialties, as of June 1, 2024, and what is the estimated number of weeks a new patient joining that list will have to wait.

- **Gynaecology**
- **Clinical oncology**
- **Clinical radiology**
- **Ophthalmology**

- **Dermatology**
- **Clinical immunology and allergy**
- **Trauma and orthopaedics**
- **General surgery**
- **Oral surgery**
- **Paediatric surgery**
- **Ear, nose and throat**
- **Neurology**
- **Rheumatology**
- **Urology**
- **Gastroenterology**
- **Endocrinology**
- **Audiological medicine**
- **Dental medicine**
- **Anaesthetics**

Please see the information provided below as at Census date 31/05/2024.

Speciality	Number on waiting list
Gynaecology	5708
Clinical oncology	Non CTM - patients are managed centrally by Velindre
Clinical radiology	Non CTM - patients are managed centrally by Velindre
Ophthalmology	13479
Dermatology	6468
Clinical immunology and allergy	No records as such waiting lists are stored under specific specialties and not extractable in this manner.
Trauma and orthopaedics	6335
General surgery	2937
Oral surgery	2110

Paediatric surgery	Non CTM – these patients are dealt with by specialist centres. By the point in their pathway that they are identified as Paed Surgery they have progressed past Stage 1 (First OP) so there is no specific waiting list for this cohort.
Ear, nose and throat	9167 (includes Audiological Medicine)
Neurology	1999
Rheumatology	1532
Urology	5139
Gastroenterology	3246
Endocrinology	160
Audiological medicine	4557. These are aggregated under the ENT figures above also.
Dental medicine	This is aggregated under Oral Surgery and not extractable in this manner, due to not being granularly recorded.
Anaesthetics	10 - Pain 1073

We are unable to answer the second part of question 1 regarding estimated number of weeks a new patient joining the list will have to wait.

As you are asking how long patients can expect to wait, as opposed to how long they have been waiting, a lot of this is dependent on the services / specialities ability to say what their expected waiting time is. A view of how long patients are currently waiting may be instructive from us but it does not answer the question in the way it has been posed.

Our Informatics team can supply volumes for specialties (Q1), however Q2 is more difficult as it would depend upon the Clinical condition or Service Code of the Stage 4 waiting list having this information – that would be the only means of answering Q2 volumes. As both questions are asking for estimated weeks wait until they come off the list as confirmed above, we can give current waiting times – not estimated waited times .

2. How many people are on a waiting list for the following procedures, from the point of confirmation the procedure is needed, as of June 1, 2024, and what is the estimated number of weeks for a patient joining that list before surgery?

- **Knee replacement**
- **Hip replacement**
- **Gynaecological laparoscopy**
- **Colonoscopy**
- **Bariatric surgery**
- **Mastectomy**
- **Breast reconstruction surgery**
- **Colostomy and ileostomy**
- **Hernia repair**
- **A transurethral resection of the prostate**
- **Heart surgery (not including transplant)**
- **Arthroscopy**

We are unable to provide this information. Due to disparate systems used across the organisation, we cannot provide this level of detail for the stage 4 waiting list.

To provide you with this data would require a manual trawl through individual waiting list records. The Health Board estimates that the cost of locating, retrieving and extracting this data would significantly exceed the 18 hours time and £450 cost limit set out within Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act.