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Cwm Taf Morgannwg
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You asked:

1. Please can you advise what the quickest, median and longest waiting times are from initial referral to the waiting list to surgery being completed, for the following surgeries in your health board. Please could the data be broken down by quarter for the last 5 years.

- Urgent hip replacements**
- Routine hip replacements**
- Urgent knee replacements**
- Routine knee replacements**

Please see the information requested provided in the tables below. Noting the following:

- Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board was established on 1 April 2019. Therefore, due to the timeframe requested, the information prior to this relates to the previous Cwm Taf area only and does not reflect the boundary change.
- Within Q2 for 2020 there was very little or no activity, as this was taken down in line with the Welsh Government Policies at the time to stand down elective work within NHS to prepare for COVID-19. Q3 in 2020 is also likely to have reduced figures due to the limited activity undertaken during the start of the pandemic period.

Urgent Hip Replacements, presented as year then quarter. Average = the averages days a person waited between referral to treatment.

Year	Shortest Number of days waiting Wait	Longest Number of days waiting Wait	Medium Number of days waiting Wait
<u>2019</u>			
Q1	3	567	164
Q2	3	684	196
Q3	5	428	171
Q4	10	490	177
<u>2020</u>			
Q1	3	462	165
Q2	6	6	6
Q3	90	642	418
Q4	1	895	557
<u>2021</u>			
Q1	89	786	473
Q2	7	954	478
Q3	50	964	486
Q4	10	966	420
<u>2022</u>			
Q1	18	1107	463

Q2	20	1368	395
Q3	17	1233	508
Q4	45	1067	415
<u>2023</u>			
Q1	19	808	323
Q2	33	661	370
Q3	15	799	325
Q4	46	1665	463

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Year	Shortest Number of days waiting Wait	Longest Number of days waiting Wait	Medium Number of days waiting Wait
<u>2019</u>			
Q1	18	1087	284
Q2	12	678	247
Q3	20	617	236
Q4	6	518	233
<u>2020</u>			
Q1	5	589	255
Q2			
Q3	336	467	381
Q4	279	636	527
<u>2021</u>			
Q1	28	851	605
Q2	66	1253	596
Q3	790	1937	1401
Q4	70	1126	546
<u>2022</u>			
Q1	8	1261	503
Q2	8	1302	632
Q3	18	1127	467
Q4	22	1246	374
<u>2023</u>			
Q1	79	1303	326
Q2	27	1177	476
Q3	138	1274	676
Q4	16	1612	631

Urgent Knee Replacements, presented as year then quarter. Average = the averages days a person waited between referral to treatment.

Year	Shortest Number of days waiting Wait	Longest Number of days waiting Wait	Medium Number of days waiting Wait
<u>2019</u>			
Q1	11	684	254
Q2	0	827	207
Q3	9	554	196
Q4	8	700	252
<u>2020</u>			
Q1	14	686	269
Q2			
Q3	195	659	421
Q4	27	728	520
<u>2021</u>			
Q1	15	1019	601

Q2	10	979	530
Q3	50	1127	476
Q4	34	1271	495
<u>2022</u>			
Q1	84	1215	616
Q2	43	1418	493
Q3	39	1319	443
Q4	37	1304	521
<u>2023</u>			
Q1	5	1209	556
Q2	46	1335	546
Q3	1	1443	538
Q4	24	1954	494

Routine Knee Replacements, presented as year then quarter. Average = the averages days a person waited between referral to treatment.

Year	Shortest Number of days waiting Wait	Longest Number of days waiting Wait	Medium Number of days waiting Wait
<u>2019</u>			
Q1	6	647	273
Q2	20	718	243
Q3	5	770	257
Q4	6	778	303
<u>2020</u>			
Q1	17	861	322
Q2			
Q3	154	652	406
Q4	26	828	527
<u>2021</u>			
Q1	8	817	475
Q2	20	1027	654
Q3	23	1164	685
Q4	4	1242	602
<u>2022</u>			
Q1	12	1280	691
Q2	14	1388	613
Q3	1	1229	474
Q4	8	1410	535
<u>2023</u>			
Q1	9	1241	448
Q2	20	1461	611
Q3	17	1579	545
Q4	6	1678	724

2. Can you also advise how many patients have accessed S2 funding for treatment abroad broken down by year for the last 5 years. Can you list the treatment type e.g. hip/knee replacement etc and the clinics/countries where the treatment was obtained.

We can confirm that the Health Board does hold this information. However, to release the specific information (specific number/treatment type/clinics/countries where the treatment was obtained) in the way that you have requested would mean disclosure of low numbers.

Where numbers are low we have considered that there is the potential for the individuals to be identified from the information provided, when considered with other information that may also be in the public domain.

In our view disclosure of these low figures would breach the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and Data Protection Act 2018 and its disclosure would be contrary to the data protection principles and constitute as unfair and unlawful processing in regard to Articles 5, 6, and 9 of GDPR. We are therefore withholding this detail under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This exemption is absolute and therefore there is no requirement to apply the public interest test.

However, in order to fulfil our obligation under Section 16 of the Act to provide advice and assistance, please see response below:

The following table details the number of applications from UK patients for pre-planned treatment abroad that the health board approved during each calendar year for the period 2020-2024:

	Number of requests approved
2020	0
2021	0
2022	Less than 5
2023	0
2024 to date	0