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Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_487_24

You asked:

The following request for information in respect of Cardiac Services provided by Cwm Taff Morgannwg University Local Health Board (CTMUHB) is made under the provisions of the above act.

Information requested: -

1 a) Where referred as an out-patient what is the waiting time for an appointment with a Cardiology Arrhythmia Nurse at Ysbyty Cwm Rhondda (YCR) Hospital?

94 weeks at Ysbyty Cwm Rhondda.

1 b) If appointments are provided at other CTMUHB hospitals or other premises what is the waiting time If different from 1a?

61 weeks at Prince Charles Hospital.

2) Where an appointment at 1a) or 1b) results in a clinical decision to provide and fit the patient with a Novacor Cardiac Monitor or equivalent, what is the waiting time for a follow-up consultation with a Cardiology Arrhythmia Nurse following the return of the monitor by the patient for evaluation?

Please provide this information for appointments at YCR and where different, other hospitals or premises.

Results of the tests are discussed with a consultant cardiologist and follow up, if needed, is determined at this point. Novacor waits are 6 weeks across all sites.

3a) Where It is determined that an out-patient should have an Echocardiogram, what is the waiting time for an appointment at the Royal Glamorgan Hospital?

The wait for echocardiogram at Royal Glamorgan Hospital is 17 weeks for routine and 2 weeks for urgent.

3b) If appointments are provided at other CTMUHB hospitals what is the waiting time if different from 3a?

The wait for echocardiogram at Princess of Wales Hospital is 6 weeks for routine and 2 weeks for urgent

The wait for echocardiogram at Prince Charles Hospital is 17 weeks for routine and 2 weeks for urgent.

4) Following an Echocardiogram examination what is the waiting time for a patient to be informed of the results of the clinical assessment of their Echocardiogram?

This would depend on the decision made at the consultation with regards to the need for a follow up appointment, or if the clinician is able to write to the patient/GP with the results.

5) Following the patient having been informed at 4) above, what is the waiting time for a further follow-up appointment where that is deemed necessary?

Follow up would be planned/decided as per the clinical review/follow up decision previously made.

6a) As of the above date how many patients who have had Echocardiograms as out-patients at any CTMUHB hospital have yet to be informed of their results?

We do not collect this data.

6b) Of the patients detailed at 6a) how many were referred from YCR Hospital?

We do not collect this data.

6c) Of the patients who are awaiting being informed of their results how many have waited:

- more than two months?
- more than four months?
- more than six months?

We do not collect this data.