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Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_132_26

You asked:

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please provide the following information in relation to thyroid surgery (thyroidectomy or hemithyroidectomy – removal of one or both thyroid glands) performed under the ENT specialty / department (or the specialty that undertakes these procedures if not classified as ENT):

1. The number of patients currently on the waiting list for thyroidectomy / hemithyroidectomy as at the most recent date for which data is available (or as at 28 February 2026 if possible).

a) Confirmed thyroid cancer^[SEP]

b) Suspected or indeterminate thyroid cancer / nodules (e.g. Thy3, Thy4, or suspicious on cytology / imaging)^[SEP]

c) Benign goitre or other non-cancerous conditions requiring goitre removal^[SEP]. If a full breakdown is not possible, please provide the total number and any partial breakdown you hold, together with an explanation.

We are unable to break down by specific clinical category but currently have 22 patients waiting to date.

Mean average 22.7 weeks.

2. Current waiting times for surgery in each of the three categories above. Please include:

As indicated above, we are unable to break down into specific clinical category, however cancer will be treated within 62 days as per national optimal clinical pathway.

● Median waiting time from the date of the multidisciplinary team (MDT) decision to operate (or “decision to treat”) to the scheduled or actual surgery date

Median waiting time collectively for all waiting as above 22.7 weeks.

● The number of patients in each category who have been waiting longer than 18 weeks and longer than 26 weeks.

Collectively out of the 22 patients awaiting the procedure, 8 have waited over 18 weeks and over 26 weeks.

- **Any other standard reported waiting-time statistics you routinely publish for these procedures (e.g. 62-day cancer pathway compliance for confirmed cancer cases) –**

Our SCP compliance is collective as H&N speciality and not by individual cancer procedures.

- 3. How many consultant surgeons (whole-time equivalent if possible) within the Health Board specialise in or regularly perform thyroidectomies? Please state how many are in the ENT department and how many (if any) are in other specialties (e.g. general surgery / endocrine surgery). –**

Two WTE ENT surgeons, one general surgeon.

- 4. Does the Health Board perform thyroid surgery (whether elective, semi-urgent or urgent) on bank holidays or public holidays? If yes, please briefly describe the policy or circumstances under which such operations take place.**

No.