



Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_158_26

You asked:

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

Please provide the following information:

1. Numbers of spinal operations and procedures undertaken on an urgent pathway basis during 2023-24; 2024-25; 2025-2026 (monthly figures if available)
2. Average waiting times for these urgent cases from referral to treatment - please provide the median wait in weeks and the 90th centile wait in weeks (monthly figures if available for years listed above)
3. Numbers of trauma and orthopaedic operations and procedures undertaken during 2023-24; 2024-25; 2025-2026 (monthly figures if available)
4. Average waiting times for these trauma and orthopaedic operations and procedures from referral to treatment - please provide the median wait in weeks and the 90th centile wait in weeks (monthly figures if available for years listed above)
5. In delivering your 104 week wait targets for spinal and orthopaedic operations and procedures, have your **urgent** case waiting times **in regard to spinal cases** increased, remained static or reduced. And by how much?

Our response:

Please see response provided in the tables below, noting the following:

- Date Period given 01/04/2023 – 18/03/2026.
- Wait census up to 28/02/2026 – last point of validation (March 2026 not available yet)
- Patient admitted between these dates not date of operation
- Patient may belong to another Health Board area.
- Table 1 covers questions 1, 2 and 5.
- Table 2 covers questions 3 and 4.

Table 1

Spinal Procedures	Average Wait (weeks)	90th Percentile Wait (weeks)	Priority	Calendar Month	Financial Year
1	150	150	Urgent	Apr	2023/2024
1	83	83	Urgent	May	2023/2024
10	53	99.2	Urgent	Jun	2023/2024
3	44	52.2	Urgent	Jul	2023/2024

6	90	157.2	Urgent	Aug	2023/2024
4	101	148	Urgent	Sep	2023/2024
5	34	59	Urgent	Oct	2023/2024
5	44	106.2	Urgent	Nov	2023/2024
3	67	87.8	Urgent	Dec	2023/2024
3	40	57.6	Urgent	Jan	2023/2024
7	45	71.2	Urgent	Feb	2023/2024
5	40	61	Urgent	Mar	2023/2024
4	18	28.8	Urgent	Apr	2024/2025
3	7	13	Urgent	May	2024/2025
3	7	9.5	Urgent	Jun	2024/2025
1	0	0	Urgent	Jul	2024/2025
1	0	0	Urgent	Aug	2024/2025
1	3	3	Urgent	Sep	2024/2025
1	3	3	Urgent	Oct	2024/2025
3	19	35.2	Urgent	Nov	2024/2025
6	15	35	Urgent	Jan	2024/2025
1	12	12	Urgent	Feb	2024/2025
3	31	54.4	Urgent	Mar	2024/2025
1	18	18	Urgent	Apr	2025/2026
2	38	47.7	Urgent	May	2025/2026
1	7	7	Urgent	Jun	2025/2026
5	39	58	Urgent	Jul	2025/2026
2	37	50.6	Urgent	Aug	2025/2026
2	42	46	Urgent	Nov	2025/2026
2	43	43	Urgent	Dec	2025/2026
1	44	44	Urgent	Jan	2025/2026

Table 2

T&O Procedures	Average Wait (weeks)	90th Percentile Wait (weeks)	Calendar Month	Financial Year
359	57	142.1	Apr	2023/2024
471	51	123	May	2023/2024
511	67	165.6	Jun	2023/2024
542	59	138.1	Jul	2023/2024
492	49	107.5	Aug	2023/2024
399	59	129	Sep	2023/2024
474	65	124	Oct	2023/2024
466	61	122.7	Nov	2023/2024
398	59	123.5	Dec	2023/2024
404	54	119.6	Jan	2023/2024
421	57	121	Feb	2023/2024
377	65	131.1	Mar	2023/2024
502	71	128.6	Apr	2024/2025
563	55	117.6	May	2024/2025
562	60	127.5	Jun	2024/2025
617	63	131	Jul	2024/2025
470	69	123.2	Aug	2024/2025
537	62	122.6	Sep	2024/2025
437	59	122.4	Oct	2024/2025
432	46	110	Nov	2024/2025

380	35	92.4	Dec	2024/2025
328	22	57	Jan	2024/2025
278	52	136.9	Feb	2024/2025
287	44	151.4	Mar	2024/2025
322	59	142.2	Apr	2025/2026
442	76	147.8	May	2025/2026
475	83	144	Jun	2025/2026
478	62	130.4	Jul	2025/2026
434	68	128	Aug	2025/2026
429	73	135.2	Sep	2025/2026
456	76	136	Oct	2025/2026
411	75	129	Nov	2025/2026
389	76	123	Dec	2025/2026
237	68	126.3	Jan	2025/2026
34	67	116	Feb	2025/2026
14	82	99.6	Mar	2025/2026