

Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference Fol/20/334

Surgery

**Request details**

Under the freedom of information act please could you provide me data for:

1. **The number of patients currently waiting for surgery in your health board area, broken down by surgery type where possible.**
2. **The current expected waiting time for someone referred for elective surgery as of today.**
3. **Any indication as to how long the backlog of cases, caused by the restrictions due to COVID-19, will take to return to pre-COVID levels (e.g. the waiting times seen in January and February this year)**

**Response details**

Questions 1&2

RTT Waiting List for Surgical Specialties (Open Clocks as at 28th September 2020) broken down by Weeks Wait Bands

	0-7 Weeks	8-13 Weeks	14-19 Weeks	20-25 Weeks	26-31 Weeks	32-35 Weeks	36+ Weeks	<b>Weeks Wait</b>
Paediatric Surgery	241	152	111	80	167	126	421	<b>1298</b>
Gynaecology	989	502	325	282	720	650	2338	<b>5806</b>
Oral Surgery	473	169	57	42	582	535	2153	4011
Cardiothoracic Surgery	58	25	25	18	50	38	165	<b>379</b>

Renal Surgery	89	14	1	3	7	6	4	<b>124</b>
Neurosurgery	193	111	106	71	119	99	206	<b>905</b>
General Surgery	2040	1039	661	373	1285	1000	3214	<b>9612</b>
ENT	1313	700	504	298	1364	1076	2624	<b>7879</b>
Ophthalmology	1256	666	205	253	1144	1067	5837	<b>10428</b>
Trauma & Orthopaedics	1494	704	438	375	1444	1113	5648	<b>11216</b>
Urology	819	451	268	148	467	397	1477	<b>4027</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>8965</b>	<b>4533</b>	<b>2701</b>	<b>1943</b>	<b>7349</b>	<b>6107</b>	<b>24087</b>	<b>55685</b>

3. Given both the uncertainty of the demand profile for COVID19 and non-COVID19 and the capacity impact and reduced efficiency as a result of Infection, Prevention & Control measures in place to minimise COVID19 transmission, Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (the UHB) are unable to calculate with any accuracy projected times to clear the backlogs. Additionally, in line with the overriding principle set out in both the Health Board local and NHS Wales national operating frameworks of minimising harm, prioritisation of need and service delivery is currently based on clinical risk stratification rather than time based targets. The UHB plans to maintain essential services and to re-introduce more routine activity are set out quarterly and are published in our Board papers. These are available via the following link:

<http://www.cardiffandvaleuhb.wales.nhs.uk/sitesplus/documents/1143/Updated%20Board%20Book%2027.07.pdf>