

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference Fol/21/315**

**Orthodontics**

**Request Details**

1. How many under 18s are waiting for orthodontics referrals and treatment in Cardiff and Vale UHB?
2. By how much has this number increased since NHS orthodontics initial assessments were suspended due to Covid?
3. By how much has this number increased since December 2020 when the Welsh Government asked orthodontic providers to prioritise patients with the greatest need rather than a first come first served approach?
4. Is Cardiff and Vale UHB investing any money into this area to try to clear a backlog? The Welsh Government says it is allocating £270 million pounds to help health boards increase capacity and cut waiting times - will any of this help under 18s waiting for orthodontics?

**Response Details**

		<b>New Patient</b>	<b>Treatment</b>
<b>1)</b>	<b>Patients waiting on wl as at 15th July 2021</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>951</b>
<b>2)</b>	<b>March 2020 - Beginning of Covid</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>1125</b>
<b>3)</b>	<b>Dec 2020 - WG instructions</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>1178</b>

4) No business case has been developed for orthodontics as yet. In terms of Welsh Government investments in to the Health Board's, we have received an allocation in response to a bid to support our minor oral surgery backlog in the first instance. We will be working through Covid recovery plans for the remaining sub specialties within dentistry over the forthcoming months.