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Vascular Clinic Referral Wait-Times

1. What was the waiting time for urgent appointments in February 2020 for the Vascular Team?

February 2020 Urgent appointments 6-8 weeks.

2. Did the referral times change between February and May 2020, as a result of the pandemic? If so, what did these waiting times become?

May 2020 Urgent appointments up to 24 weeks. Please note that clinics were on a reduced capacity for social distancing due to the pandemic.

3. Did the urgent referral waiting times only change in May 2020 as a result of the pandemic, and not before?

Prior to the pandemic, Vascular were and continue to support services from outside of Cardiff and Vale University Health Board which potentially will have had an impact on referral wait times.

4. Please confirm whether between 1st February 2020 and 30th April 2020 all urgent referrals should have been given an appointment within 6-8 weeks?

The target time for all urgent vascular referrals is 6 – 8 weeks. This has not changed during the pandemic. The answers provided in response to questions 1 and 2 above represent the time patients have waited rather than the target during these periods.

As advised above, Vascular continue to support services from outside of Cardiff and Vale University Health Board, which potentially will have had an impact on waiting times. The UHB has not stopped operating on urgent vascular cases during the pandemic.

