

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference FoI/22/498**  
**Hip Replacement Wait Times**

**1. Current waiting time for a total hip replacement operation if referred on the 14th October 2022?**

Up to three years depending on clinical priority.

**2. How many people are currently waiting for a total hip replacement operation?**

450

**3. Current longest wait time for a total hip replacement operation?**

Three years

**4. Average wait time for a total hip replacement since 01/012022?**

In completing a search for the information requested, Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (the UHB) has confirmed that this information is not centrally recorded or collated. To retrieve the information requested would require a manual search through individual records and the UHB considers that this would exceed the limit set within regulations for responding to a request. The UHB has therefore relied upon the Section 12 exemption ('Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit') of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and is refusing your request.

The UHB has estimated that to complete the work needed to respond to this request would exceed the time limit as set within regulations to respond to a Freedom of Information Act request. Under the Act there is an allowance of two and a half days, or 18 hours, to comply with a request and the cost limit set within the fees' regulations for this amount of work (18 hours) is £450 for the UHB. The fees regulations specify that the cost of complying with a request must be calculated at the rate of £25 per hour.

However, under Section 16 of the FOIA, which provides us with the duty to advise and assist, the UHB can inform you that the average Referral to Treatment (RTT) time is approximately one and a half years, routine patients tend to wait up to three years, urgent patients tend to wait up to 6 months on average.