

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request Reference FoI/24/141**  
**Prostate Procedure Waiting Times**

**I kindly request to know specifically how many other men are ahead of me in the waiting list to receive [a holmium laser enucleation of the prostate (HoLEP)] procedure.**

*Due to the way data is collated and the particular nature of waiting lists, Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (the UHB) is unable to accommodate the above request in its present form. The requestor was therefore contented with receiving the average wait time and the waiting list length, and further requested the median wait time and the standard deviation.*

The number of patients on the inpatient component waiting list where their intended procedure is a HoLEP (M654) as at 29 February 2024 is 38.

The average adjusted (RTT) wait is 49.6 weeks and the median adjusted (RTT) wait is 39.0 weeks.

**Can you please confirm that I am indeed moving forward in the queue in an orderly manner.**

The UHB does not hold this information. However, under our section 16 obligation to advise and assist, the UHB can confirm that the waiting list is moving, but the speed is unpredictable as it is a dynamic situation influenced by many factors, e.g. new, more urgent patients, theatre or equipment issues, strikes, rota and theatre changes, etc.

**I also please wish to know the approximate figure for the rate at which such procedures are currently performed by all consultants in Wales NHS.**

*The UHB is unable to provide information on 'all consultants in Wales NHS', therefore the requestor was satisfied with receiving the number of HoLEP procedures carried out by Cardiff and Vale consultants.*

There were 11 HoLEP procedures undertaken between 1 January 2022 and 29 February 2024.

**Please also advise me on when an increase in the current rate at which such measures can be expected to increase to a higher rate in Wales NHS.**

The UHB does not hold this information. However, under our section 16 obligation to advise and assist, the UHB can confirm that this is a policy decision and so the UHB is unable to answer at a local level. No changes are expected for the foreseeable future regarding service provision.