

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request Reference FoI/24/381
Cardiff and Vale University Health Board

- 1. Within Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (CAVUHB) at what point in the referral process is a person considered to be on a waiting list?**

Once a referral has been received and vetted by the accepting consultant or clinician, the person is automatically added to the referral-to-treatment (RTT) wait list.

- 2. Within CAVUHB at what point is a person no longer deemed to be on a waiting list – for example at pre operation assessment stage or operation stage or some other stage in the care.**

Once the person starts their definitive treatment or receives definitive treatment, their RTT clock stops, thus they will not appear anymore on the RTT wait list.

- 3. Within CAVUHB Cardiff and Vale Orthopaedic Centre (CAVOC) how many orthopaedic surgeons (of all grades) are employed.**

10 Spines and 34 Trauma and Orthopaedics.

- 4. Within CAVUHB CAVOC how many orthopaedic doctors (non surgical) are employed.**

17 registrars and 24 foundation/core trainee doctors.

- 5. With reference to question number 3 and 4 (the number of CAVOC orthopaedic surgeons and non surgical doctors) how many waiting lists exist between all of the surgeons/doctors.**

This depends on what perspective is taken into account: from a system perspective, there is one outpatient wait list per sub-specialty, and one inpatient wait list per consultant.

- 6. Within CAVOC how many pre operation assessments take place each year.**

Please see the table below. These figures represent preoperative orthopaedic outpatient attendances at Llandough.

	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
PREASSUHL – Nurse-Led T/O PREASSUHL Clinic Mon to Fri Weekly	3,069	3,536	3,494

- 7. Within CAVUHB how many patients are subject to more than one pre operation assessment each year due to the pre operation assessment being time expired.**

Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (the UHB) has estimated that to complete the work needed to respond to this request would exceed the time limit as outlined in the Appropriate Limit and Fees Regulations 2004. When estimating the cost of complying with a request for information under the

applicable legislation, the UHB must calculate this cost at a rate of £25 per person per hour to a maximum of £450, with the appropriate time limit for complying therefore being 18 hours.

In completing a search for the information requested, 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 which the UHB considers would exceed the appropriate limit for the purposes of the 2004 Regulations. The UHB has therefore relied upon the exemption set out in section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit') and is refusing your request.

8. Within CAVUHB CAVOC how many patients are subject to more than one pre operation assessment each year due to the pre operation assessment being time expired.

The UHB believes the exemption as outlined in section 12 of the 2000 Act applies here and is therefore refusing your request.

9. What financial cost do CAVUHB place on a pre operation assessment.

Approximately £200.