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Subject:	Endometriosis waiting times
Date of Request:	27 September 2023

Requested:

Please can you provide the waiting times data for surgery/ treatment for endometriosis for the population in your Health Board area, for each of last 5 financial years.

Response:

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) is unable to provide you with all of the information requested, as it is estimated that the cost of answering your request would exceed the “appropriate limit” as stated in the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and the Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004. The “appropriate limit” represents the estimated cost of one person spending 18 hours (or 2½ working days) in determining whether the UHB holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information.

In order to provide you with the information requested, the UHB would be required to undertake a manual trawl of all pelvic pathway patients’ notes, for the requested five (5) year period, to identify any information that would fulfil your request, as this information is not recorded centrally.

The UHB is therefore applying an exemption under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA), which provides an exemption from a public authority’s obligation to comply with a request for information where the cost of compliance is estimated to exceed the appropriate limit.

However, under section 16 of the FoIA, the UHB has a duty to provide advice and assistance. Therefore, the UHB can confirm that the current waiting time for an endometriosis procedure, is fifteen (15) months.