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<b>Subject:</b>	P2 priority hip replacement
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**Requested:**

1. The current waiting time for a P2 priority hip replacement within Hywel Dda
2. The waiting time for a P2 priority hip replacement in March 2020 within Hywel Dda

**Response:**

1. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) confirms that due to recent restricted surgical activity, the ability to reliably calculate a patient's wait time for surgery is extremely difficult, and as patients are continually added to these lists, predicted waiting times change continually.

However, the UHB is currently treating patients in line with the Welsh Government (WG) Ministerial Measure targets issued to Welsh Health Boards advising that no patients should be waiting longer than fifty two (52) weeks for their first outpatient's appointment and no patients should wait longer than one hundred and four (104) weeks for treatment. Health Boards across Wales are providing regular updates to WG on their progress towards achieving these targets.

Additionally, the UHB addresses its waiting lists by treating patients in line with their clinical urgency. The UHB's consultants have risk stratified their waiting lists in line with Royal College Guidance. The focus will be on addressing these risk stratified ministerial cohorts in order, to ensure we are treating those with complex needs first.

Further information on hospital waiting times can be found on the WG StatsWales website. For ease of reference, a link to the waiting list webpage has been provided below:

[Patient pathways waiting to start treatment by month, grouped weeks and treatment function, January 2021 onwards \(gov.wales\)](#)

2. The UHB confirms that it did not have a P2 waiting list for priority hip replacement in March 2020, as this was during the initial phase of the COVID-19 pandemic. Guidance issued by the Royal College of Surgeons on surgical prioritisation was not published until 11 April 2020.