

Timely Care – External Health Board Referral to Treatment (RTT)

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Metrics (targets):

- RTT - Hywel Dda residents waiting over 36 weeks for treatment by other providers (0)

Status as at November

2019

Performance the past 12 months

Worsening

Where are we against target?

As at 30th November 2019, there were 5,477 Hywel Dda University Health Board (HDdUHB) residents on open pathways at other provider sites; 97% are waiting to be treated in Wales. Of these 5,335 residents, 399 patients were breaching the maximum backstop of 36 weeks (396 in Wales; 3 in England).

Welsh Provider Sites:

Swansea Bay University Health Board (SBUHB)

80% of HDdUHB residents awaiting treatment in other Health Boards in Wales are waiting within Swansea Bay University Health Board (SBUHB). In April 2019, a transfer took place of the Bridgend patient element within the former Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board (now SBUHB) to the Cwm Taf University Health Board (CTUHB), and this has resulted in those breaches now showing for CTUHB.

Outpatients - At the end of November 2019 there were 85 patients waiting at Stage 1 (over 26 weeks), as follows:

Specialty	Total Patients	Longest Week Wait
General Surgery	3	33
Trauma And Orthopaedics	75	44
Cardiothoracic Surgery	2	41
Gastroenterology	5	38

36 Week Target – At the end of November 2019 there were 364 patients with waiting times in excess of 36 weeks, with the longest waits being 105 weeks:

Specialty	Total Patients	Longest Week Wait
Oral Surgery	66	105
Trauma And Orthopaedics	232	105
General Surgery	9	105
Plastic Surgery	32	96
ENT	6	52
Gynaecology	2	56
Cardiology	6	60
Ophthalmology	7	52
Cardiothoracic Surgery	4	41

SBUHB has confirmed that, due to increased non-elective pressures and some capacity issues impacting ability to meet RTT Time Targets, not all patients could be seen. It was confirmed that all patients are seen in strict date order, irrespective of residency.

Cardiff & Vale University Health Board (C&VUHB) - 17% of HDdUHB patients waiting to be treated in other Welsh Health Boards are in C&VUHB.

Outpatients - At the end of November 2019 there were 67 patients waiting at Stage 1 (over 26 weeks), as follows:

Specialty	Total Patients	Longest Week Wait
Ophthalmology	9	44
Clinical Immunology & Allergy	32	36
Trauma And Orthopaedics	7	31
Paediatric Surgery	2	29
Rheumatology	1	29
Neurology	4	34
Clinical Pharmacology	1	28
ENT	2	30
Gynaecology	1	27
Dermatology	6	38
Clinical Haematology	2	35

36 Week Target – At the end of November 2019 there were 18 patients with waiting times in excess of 36 weeks, with the longest week wait being 100 weeks.

Specialty	Total Patients	Longest Week Wait
Trauma And Orthopaedics	10	100
Ophthalmology	1	56
ENT	2	40
Paediatric Surgery	5	48

Other Providers in Wales - There are 14 RTT breaches reported in other providers in Wales, as follows:

- Aneurin Bevan University Health Board: one patient breaching the 36 week target.
- Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board: one patient with the longest wait (69 weeks) in Dermatology, one patient with the longest wait (57 weeks) in Trauma & Orthopaedics, two patients with longest waits (69 weeks) in Oral Surgery and one patient waiting 56 weeks in Pain Management.
- CTUHB: four patients with the longest wait (68 weeks) in Trauma & Orthopaedics, two patients with the longest wait (80 weeks) in ENT, one

patient in Urology with the longest wait (37 weeks) and one patient in General Surgery with a 39-week wait. Aside from this patient, the others were previously included within the Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board (now SBUHB) RTT figures in March 2019.

English Provider Sites:

The main three hospitals in England treating HDdUHB residents are: University Hospital Bristol, Robert Jones & Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital (RJAH) and University Hospital Birmingham.

- There are 3 reported patients breaching in English Hospital Trusts.

What is being Done?

- For the purposes of tracking RTT target times, the Health Care Contracting Team continues to closely monitor the number of HDdUHB residents waiting for an outpatient appointment or treatment at all Providers in Wales and England.
- Discussions relating to the number of patients awaiting treatment are held with the respective providers, with a view to reducing the number of patients waiting at each stage of the RTT time pathways, in line with the current performance of the agreed Long Term Agreement.