

Reference:	FOI.12338.23
Subject:	Community Dental Service waiting list
Date of Request:	1 August 2023

Requested:

1. Please can you confirm how many adults are currently on an NHS Community Dental Service waiting list, waiting to receive treatment, and have been waiting for:
 - a. up to 1 month
 - b. 1-3 months
 - c. 3-6 months
 - d. 6-12 months
 - e. 12-18 months
 - f. 18-24 months
 - g. 24 months+
2. Please can you confirm how many children are currently on an NHS Community Dental Service waiting list, waiting to receive treatment, and have been waiting for:
 - a. up to 1 month
 - b. 1-3 months
 - c. 3-6 months
 - d. 6-12 months
 - e. 12-18 months
 - f. 18-24 months
 - g. 24 months+

Response:

1. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) provides, within the table below, the number of adults that are currently on a NHS Dental Service waiting list, by the waiting times requested.

Waiting time	Number
Up to 1 month	53
1-3 months	112
3-6 months	105
6-12 months	102
12-18 months	55
18-24 months	33
24 months+	71

2. The UHB provides, within the table below, the number of children that are currently on a NHS Dental Service waiting list, by the waiting times requested.

Waiting time	Number
Up to 1 month	58
1-3 months	187
3-6 months	123
6-12 months	106
12-18 months	7
18-24 months	*

24 months+	9
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Where the figure in the table has been replaced with an asterisk (*), the UHB is unable to provide you with the exact number of patients due to the low numbers of cases (less than 5), as there is a potential risk of identifying individuals if this was disclosed. The UHB is therefore withholding this detail under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA). This information is protected by the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA) / UK General Data Protection Regulations, as its disclosure would constitute unfair and unlawful processing and would be contrary to the principles and articles of the UK GDPR. This exemption is absolute and therefore there is no requirement to apply the public interest test.

In reaching this decision, the DPA and UK GDPR defines personal data as data that relates to a living individual who can be identified solely from that data or from that data and other information, which is in the possession of the data controller.