

<b>Reference:</b>	FOI.3693.20
<b>Subject:</b>	Delayed procedures due to COVID-19
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**Requested:**

1. Are routine/non-urgent operations now taking place as normal in the Health Board following the coronavirus lockdown?
2. How long on average is the waiting time for a routine/non-urgent operation at the Health Board? How does this compare with the waiting time before the coronavirus lockdown in March?
3. How many patients have had their procedures delayed by the shortage of PPE in the Health Board area?

**Response:**

1. & 2. This information is already within the public domain; therefore, Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) has applied an exemption under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, as the information is accessible by another means.

For ease of reference please click on the links provided which will take you directly to the UHB's Board meeting paper dated 30 July 2020 and the performance updates webpage:

The UHB's Board meeting paper:

<http://www.wales.nhs.uk/sitesplus/documents/862/Item%203.2%20COVID-19%20Report%20including%20ratification%20of%20COVID-19%20Operational%20Plan%20for%20Quarter%202%202020-21%20C%20Field%20Hospitals%20and%20Winter%20Plan%20final.pdf>

The UHB's performance reports webpage:

<https://hduhb.nhs.wales/about-us/performance-targets/our-performance-areas/monitoring-our-performance/>

3. The UHB confirms that no patients have had their procedures delayed due to a shortage of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).