

<b>Reference:</b>	FOI.14472.24
<b>Subject:</b>	Dementia diagnosis
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**Requested:**

1. How long are people waiting for a dementia diagnosis in Hywel Dda? This should be provided for each of the last three years to the date of your reply, and should be in this format: What proportion of people booked in for a dementia diagnosis appointment are waiting:
  - a. 0-10 weeks
  - b. 11-20 weeks
  - c. 21-30 weeks
  - d. 31-40 weeks
  - e. 41-50 weeks
  - f. 51-60 weeks
  - g. 61-70 weeks
  - h. 71-80 weeks
  - i. 81-90 weeks
  - j. More than 90 weeks.
  
2. What percentage of dementia patients had a dementia review once a year in:
  - a. the first year
  - b. the first two years
  - c. the first five years after they were diagnosed with dementia.

**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.

As the information requested for question 2 is not collated and recorded centrally, the UHB would need to undertake a manual trawl of all dementia patient records, for the 2021/22 to 2023/24 financial years, to identify any information that may fulfil your request.

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 provides the accessible information in the format held for question 1 below.

1. The UHB does not hold the information exactly as requested, as the information is recorded by financial year. Therefore, the UHB provides, within the table below, the percentage of people waiting for a dementia diagnosis, by the number of weeks requested, during the 2021/22 to 2023/24 financial years.

<b>Wait in weeks</b>	<b>2021/22</b>	<b>2022/23</b>	<b>2023/24</b>
0-10	3%	17%	26%
11-20	21%	37%	54%
21-30	47%	23%	14%
31-40	16%	12%	4%
41-50	6%	6%	2%
51-60	2%	3%	0%
61-70	3%	1%	0%
71-80	0%	1%	0%
81-90	1%	0%	0%
91+	1%	0%	0%