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**Requested:**

1. How many people have been diagnosed with a form of dementia in your health board in each of the last three years?
2. Over the last 12 month period (or as close to that within your data sets) what was the average time between a patient being referred and that patient receiving a dementia diagnosis in your health board?
3. What was the longest time a patient waited between being referred and that patient receiving a dementia diagnosis?
4. Does the health board have a stated target for the time between referral and dementia diagnosis? If so, what is that target?
5. How many specialist dementia nurses currently work for the health board?
6. How many specialist dementia doctors currently work for the health board?

**Response:**

1. Within the table overleaf, Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) provides the number of individuals diagnosed with a form of dementia during the 2021/22, 2022/23 and 2023/24 financial years.

<b>Financial year</b>	<b>Dementia diagnoses</b>
<b>2021/22</b>	681
<b>2022/23</b>	1,043
<b>2023/24</b>	817

2. The average time between referral and dementia diagnosis between October 2023 and September 2024 was sixteen (16) weeks.
3. The longest recorded wait between referral and diagnosis received between October 2023 and September 2024 was one hundred and fifty-three (153) weeks; the patient was referred into the service during the COVID-19 pandemic, at which stage there were interruptions to service delivery.
4. The UHB works to two target times, four (4) weeks for referral to assessment and twelve (12) weeks for referral to diagnosis.
5. The UHB currently employs the following within its Memory Assessment service:
  - 3 x Advanced Practitioners (Diagnosticians - including two Advanced Nurse Practitioners)
  - 15 x Band 6 Dementia Specialist Nurses
6. The UHB employs one (1) Consultant Psychiatrist within its Memory Assessment service.