

Reference:	FOI.19130.25
Subject:	Extracorporeal Shockwave Lithotripsy (ESWL),
Date of Request:	16 December 2025

Requested:

I am requesting information relating to Extracorporeal Shockwave Lithotripsy (ESWL) services provided or commissioned by Hywel Dda University Health Board.

- Period: last 3 financial years (monthly where specified, or maximum available).

1. Waiting list (market size)

- a. Month-end ESWL waiting list count for each month.
- b. Breakdown by hospital site, where available.

2. Waiting times

Median and mean waiting time (weeks) by financial year and site.

3. Activity / throughput

Number of ESWL procedures performed, by month and by site.

4. Delivery model

Confirmation whether ESWL was delivered:

- in-house using Health Board-owned equipment, and/or
- via external or mobile ESWL providers, including start/end dates.

Response:

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) does not hold all the information requested as historical waiting list data is not held due to the waiting list being a live rolling list which only holds current data.

However, whilst operating in accordance with the Section 45 Freedom of Information Code of Practice, the UHB has a duty to provide advice and assistance and provides the information it holds below.

1a. The UHB confirms that there were ninety-seven (97) patients on the ESWL waiting list as at 31 December 2025. This number includes patients waiting for their second and third sessions.

1b. The UHB confirms that all ESWL sessions are provided in Prince Philip Hospital (PPH).

2. The average wait time for ESWL is approximately twenty-three 23 weeks, and the longest wait time is forty-seven (47) weeks, including the wait for additional sessions, all provided in PPH.

3. The UHB confirms that ESWL sessions are performed two (2) days per week, each month, in PPH, with twelve patients on each list plus stand by patients.

4. The UHB's ESWL sessions are provided by an external company on a Health Board site. The contract start date was 1 February 2025 and the end date is 31 March 2026, with the option to extend for two (2) years.