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Subject:	Gastroenterology and Endoscopy wait times
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Requested:

Please provide the following information regarding outpatient gastroenterology referrals and endoscopy waiting times within your Health Board. Specifically, I would like to request the following data:

Outpatient Gastroenterology Waiting Times

1. What is the current average (median and mean) waiting time, in weeks, for a patient to be seen for an initial outpatient appointment after being referred to a gastroenterologist?
2. How many patients are currently on the waiting list for a first outpatient gastroenterology appointment?
3. Of those currently waiting, what is the number of patients who have been waiting:
 - a. 0 to 26 weeks?
 - b. 26 to 36 weeks?
 - c. 36 to 52 weeks?
 - d. More than 52 weeks?

Endoscopy Waiting Times

4. What is the current average (median and mean) waiting time, in weeks, for a patient to undergo a gastroscopy procedure once the procedure has been requested?
5. How many patients are currently on the waiting list for an endoscopy procedure?
6. Of those currently waiting, what is the number of patients who have been waiting:
 - a. 0 to 8 weeks? (Note: The Welsh Government target for diagnostic tests is under 8 weeks)
 - b. 8 to 14 weeks?
 - c. More than 14 weeks?

Please provide this data as of the most recent date for which figures are available. If possible, I would appreciate the data being provided in a digital format, such as an Excel spreadsheet or a CSV file.

Clarification

1. Please can you provide figures on the average time for patients waiting to be seen for the first time.

Response:

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) provides the information within a spreadsheet, as requested, at Attachment 1.