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Subject:	Hip replacements
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Requested:

Please provide the following information in relation to hip replacement (total hip arthroplasty) procedures within the region covered by your board:

Waiting Times

1. The minimum waiting time for patients who have received hip replacement surgery within the most recent 12-month period.
2. The average (mean) waiting time for patients who have received hip replacement surgery within the same period.
3. Please also provide the figures requested in (1) and (2) for the previous two 12-month periods, by way of comparison.

Current Waiting List

4. The total number of patients currently on the waiting list for hip replacement surgery at the date of your response (or the most recent available date).
5. The total number of patients on the waiting list for hip replacement surgery at a similar period in 2025 and 2024.

Patients Leaving the Waiting List for Private Treatment

6. The number of patients who have been removed from the NHS waiting list for hip replacement surgery within the most recent 12-month period where the reason recorded was that the patient chose to undergo private treatment.

If this information is not centrally recorded, please provide any available proxy data or explain how such removals are categorised.

Definitions and Notes

Please provide any definitions or criteria used by the Trust in compiling the above figures (for example, how waiting time is calculated).

Response:

Hywel Dda University Health Boards (UHB's) Orthopaedic service is working to ensure its waiting lists are meeting Ministerial Measures set by Welsh Government. The Ministerial Measures ask that we have no patients waiting longer than fifty-two (52) weeks for their first outpatient appointment and no patients waiting longer than one hundred and four (104) weeks (two (2) years) for treatment.

All patients are prioritised in accordance with Royal College Guidance and treated in turn in accordance with the national policy. This process ensures that the UHB is able to address the most clinically urgent patients first.

1. Based on the date the referral was entered into the Welsh Patient Administration System (WPAS) and the patient's admission date, the shortest wait time recorded for a patient to receive hip replacement surgery, was fourteen (14) days, during the 2025/26 financial year.
2. Based on the date the referral was entered into the WPAS and the patient's admission date, the average wait time recorded for patients to receive hip replacement surgery was four hundred and fifty (450) days, during the 2025/26 financial year.
3. Based on the date the referral was entered into the WPAS and the patient's admission date, the UHB provides within the table below, the shortest and average wait times for a patient to receive hip replacement surgery, during the 2023/24 and 2024/25 financial years.

Financial year	Shortest	Average
2023/24	4 days	611 days
2024/25	4 days	689 days

4. The number of patients on the waiting list for hip replacement surgery was one thousand six hundred and eight (1,608), as recorded on WPAS on 28 May 2026.
5. The UHB does not hold the requested information, as it does not hold historical information, patients are added and removed daily.
6. The UHB confirms that sixteen (16) patients were removed from the waiting list for hip replacement surgery, where the reason for the removal was that the patient elected for private treatment, as recorded on WPAS, during the 2025/26 financial year.