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Subject:	Imaging waiting times
Date of Request:	1 March 2021

Requested:

1. Please can you provide me with a breakdown of age groups for all Imaging Services waiting times in 2019 and 2020?
2. What percentage of these patients are over 60.

Response:

The UHB is unable to provide you with the information requested, as it is estimated that the cost of answering your request would exceed the “appropriate level” as stated in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004. The “appropriate level” represents the estimated cost of one person spending 18 hours (or 2 ½ working days) in determining whether the UHB holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information.

In order to provide you with the requested information, the UHB would need to undertake a manual trawl of the waiting lists and cross reference against the patient records to identify patient ages, before grouping the patients into age groups, in order to 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.

Under section 16 of the FoIA, we are required, as a public authority, to provide advice and assistance so far as it is reasonable, to individuals who have made a request for information under the Act.

Information on Imaging Services’ waiting times is available on the Welsh Government website.

For ease of reference please click on the attached link, which will take you directly to the StatsWales webpage:

[Diagnostic and Therapy Services Waiting Times by week \(gov.wales\)](https://gov.wales/health-services-waiting-times)