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| Subject: | Mental Health (MH) therapy/counselling waiting lists |
| Date of Request: | 30 August 2022 |

Requested:

- 1. How many individuals were on a waiting list to receive mental health therapy/counselling within your health board on
 - a. 01/08/2022;
 - b. 01/08/2021;
 - c. 01/08/2020;
 - d. 01/08/2019:
 - e. 01/08/2018?
- 2. Between 01/08/2020 and 01/08/2022, how long did it take, on average, for an individual to receive mental health therapy/counselling within your health board?

Response:

1. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) provides, within the table overleaf, the number of individuals on a waiting list to receive MH therapy/counselling, as recorded at 1 August for the years 2018 to 2022.

| Period | Number |
|---------------|--------|
| 1 August 2018 | 1,075 |
| 1 August 2019 | 937 |
| 1 August 2020 | 1,015 |
| 1 August 2021 | 1,122 |
| 1 August 2022 | 1,041 |

2. The UHB confirms that during the period 1 August 2020 and 1 August 2022, the average wait to receive MH therapy/counselling was fifty four (54) weeks.