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**Requested:**

I would like to learn more about numbers and waiting times for military veterans to receive therapy by the mental health services contained within Veterans NHS Wales in the HDUHB region. Please provide me with:

1. How many ex-armed forces veterans have been seen by Veterans NHS Wales mental health services in the HDUHB Region from February 2019 to February 2020?
2. The actual waiting times from point of referral to being seen over this period. Please give the minimum, maximum and average length of waiting times experienced by veterans.
3. The ages of veterans receiving therapy within in each of the following age bands 20-45; 46-54; 55-64; 65-74yrs.

**Response:**

1. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) provides, within the table below, the number of ex-armed forces veterans that have been seen by Veterans NHS Wales Mental Health services for the period February 2019 to February 2020 inclusive.

Service	Number
Triages offered	89
Triages attended	65

2. The UHB provides, within the table below, the waiting times experienced by veterans for referral to triage and to treatment for the period February 2019 to February 2020 inclusive.

Wait time	Days to triage	Days to treatment
Minimum	0	9
Maximum	70	96
Average	33	47

3. The UHB provides, within the table below, the number of veterans receiving therapy for the age bands requested for the period February 2019 to February 2020 inclusive.

Age range	Number
20-45	19
46-54	15
55-64	8
65-74	7