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**Requested:**

1. Total number of ophthalmology outpatients assessed as Health Risk Factor R1, currently waiting within the target date or within 25% beyond target date, for an outpatient appointment in your Health Board area.
2. Total number of ophthalmology outpatients as Health Risk Factor R1, waiting for an outpatient appointment in your Health Board area.
3. What is the total number on the outpatient backlog for cataract surgery in your Health Board area? How many of those patients have been waiting longer than the current target referral to treatment time of 36 weeks?
4. What was the total number on the outpatient backlog for cataract surgery in your health board as of March 31, 2020? How many of those patients were waiting longer than the current target referral to treatment time of 36 weeks?
5. What was the total number on the outpatient backlog for cataract surgery in your health board as of October 2019? How many of those patients were waiting longer than the current target referral to treatment time of 36 weeks?
6. How many diabetic patients in your health board area are waiting for ophthalmic appointments? How many of those patients are over target waiting times?
7. How many diabetic patients in your health board area were waiting for ophthalmic appointments as of March 31, 2020? How many of those patients were over target waiting times?
8. How many diabetic patients in your health board area were waiting for ophthalmic appointments as of October 2019? How many of those patients were over target waiting times?

**Response:**

1. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) confirms that 4,750 ophthalmology outpatients assessed as Health Risk Factor R1, are currently waiting for an appointment within their target date or within a 25% period beyond their target date.
2. The UHB confirms that 11,307 ophthalmology outpatients with Health Risk Factor R1, are waiting for an outpatient's appointment.
3. The UHB provides, within the table below, the number of patients currently on the outpatients waiting list for cataract surgery and the current number of patients waiting over 36 weeks for surgery.

<b>Current number on waiting list</b>	<b>Current number waiting over 36 weeks</b>
933	424

4. The UHB provides, within the table below, the number of patients on the outpatients waiting list for cataract surgery and the number of patients waiting over 36 weeks for surgery, as at 31 March 2020.

<b>Number on waiting list as at 31 March 2020</b>	<b>Number waiting over 36 weeks</b>
778	0

5. The UHB provides, within the table below, the number of patients on the outpatients waiting list for cataract surgery and the number of patients waiting over 36 weeks for surgery, as at 31 October 2019.

<b>Number on waiting list as at 31 October 2019</b>	<b>Number waiting over 36 weeks</b>
1382	0

6. The UHB provides, within the table below, the current number of diabetic patients waiting for ophthalmic appointments and follow up appointments, and the number of patients currently waiting over the target waiting times.

	<b>Current number on waiting list</b>	<b>Current number waiting over target time</b>
New appointments	164	131
Follow up appointments	693	522

7. The UHB provides, within the table below, the number of diabetic patients waiting for ophthalmic appointments and follow up appointments, and the number of patients waiting over the target waiting times, as at 31 March 2020.

	<b>Number on waiting list as at 31 March 2020</b>	<b>Number waiting over target time</b>
New appointments	214	102
Follow up appointments	716	410

8. The UHB provides, within the table below, the number of diabetic patients waiting for ophthalmic appointments and follow up appointments, and the number of patients waiting over the target waiting times, as at 31 October 2019.

	<b>Number on waiting list as at 31 October 2019</b>	<b>Number waiting over target time</b>
New appointments	272	162
Follow up appointments	608	0