

Reference:	FOI.13644, 13659 & 13667.24
Subject:	Radiology waiting lists, Organ transplants & Operating theatres
Date of Request:	24 and 25 January 2024

Requested:

FOI.13644 – Radiology waiting lists

1. The number of patients waiting for diagnostic radiology in your health board, and the longest and average waits broken down by:
 - a. MRI scan
 - b. Ultrasound Scan
 - c. X-ray
 - d. Other radiology scans

FOI.13659 – Organ transplants

1. The number of organ transfers that have taken place in your health board over the last 5 years, please provide a breakdown by year.
2. The number of viable transplant organs, that have been extracted from a donor, which have not been transplanted into a recipient (i.e used) in the last 5 years. Please also provide the reasons why the organ was not transplanted.

FOI.13667 – Operating theatres

Further to FOI.13066.23, please can you supply the following information:

1. The reasons why the 2 operating theatres are non-operational.
2. How many of the emergency operating theatres
3. The number of maternity operating theatres
4. Are the 2 non-operational operating theatres included in the 4 operating theatres which are not funded for weekend or bank-holiday working or are they separate.

Response:

FOI.13644 – Radiology waiting lists

1. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) provides, within the table below, the current number of patients waiting for diagnostic radiology, together with the longest and average waiting time, by scan type, as at 31 January 2024.

	Scan type	Number	Longest wait	Average wait
a.	MRI scan	4,408	27 weeks	12 weeks
b.	Ultrasound Scan	5,055	42 weeks	13 weeks
c.	X-ray	619	12 weeks	4 weeks
d.	Other radiology scans	2,667	19 weeks	11 weeks

FOI.13659 – Organ transplants

1. & 2. The UHB regrets to inform you that it does not hold the information requested, as the UHB does not undertake transplant surgery.

FOI.13667 – Operating theatres

1. Further to our response to FOI.13066.23, the UHB confirms that the operating theatre in Glangwili General Hospital (GGH) closed in March 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic and has not reopened due to the workload being redeployed to another area. The operating theatre in Withybush General Hospital (WGH) closed in March 2023. Following the pandemic, the recommission failed to meet the standards required for sufficient airflow and exchange, and a decision is awaited on refurbishment.
2. The UHB confirms that of its twenty-eight (28) operating theatres, five (5) are emergency operating theatres; three (3) in GGH, one (1) in BGH and one (1) in WGH.
3. The UHB confirms that it has two (2) dedicated obstetric theatres, both in GGH; one (1) for planned Lower Segment Caesarean Section (LSCS) and one (1) emergency.
4. The UHB confirms that four (4) of its twenty-eight (28) theatres are funded for weekend and Bank Holiday working; these do not include the two (2) non-operational theatres.