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**Requested:**

1. How many patients were waiting up to 26 weeks, between 26 and 36 weeks and over 36 weeks in the months of February 2020 and June 2020?
2. Of these patients, how many were waiting over 52 weeks and how many were waiting over 104 weeks?
3. Please provide the average waiting time for the following areas in the months of February 2020 and June 2020 (based on StatsWales treatment categories as provided by Health Boards):
  - Allied Health Profession Services
  - Anticoagulant Services
  - Audiological Medicine
  - Blood Transfusion
  - Cardiology
  - Cardiothoracic Surgery
  - Cardiothoracic Transplantation
  - Chemical Pathology
  - Clinical Cytogenetics and Molecular Genetics
  - Clinical Genetics
  - Clinical Immunology and Allergy
  - Clinical Neurophysiology
  - Clinical Oncology
  - Clinical Pharmacology
  - Clinical Physiology
  - Colorectal Surgery
  - Community Medicine
  - Dental Medicine
  - Dermatology
  - Diabetic Medicine
  - Diagnostic Services
  - Ear, Nose and Throat
  - Endocrinology
  - Gastroenterology
  - General Medicine
  - General Pathology
  - General Surgery
  - Genito Urinary Medicine
  - Geriatric Medicine
  - Gynaecology
  - Haematology (non clinical)
  - Haematology (clinical)
  - Hepatology
  - Histopathology

- Immunopathology
- Infectious Diseases
- Interventional Radiotherapy
- Joint Consultant Clinic
- Maxillio Facial & Oral Surgery
- Medical Microbiology
- Medical Oncology
- Medical Ophthalmology
- Midwifery
- Nephrology
- Neurology
- Neuropathology
- Nuclear Medicine
- Nursing
- Obstetrics (in patients and day cases only)
- Obstetrics – AN (outpatients only)
- Obstetrics – PN (outpatients only)
- Occupational Medicine
- Ophthalmology
- Oral Surgery
- Orthodontics
- Paediatric Dentistry
- Paediatric Medical Oncology
- Paediatric Surgery
- Paediatrics
- Pain Management
- Palliative Medicine
- Plastic Surgery
- Radiology
- Rehabilitation
- Respiratory Medicine
- Restorative Dentistry
- Rheumatology
- Transient Ischaemic Attack
- Trauma and Orthopaedic
- Urology

4. The projected times you have calculated to clear backlogs in the following key areas:

- Oncology / radiology
- Cardiovascular treatment
- Neurological treatment
- Orthopaedic surgery (if available, broken down into types, e.g. hip, knee, and other)

**Response:**

1. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) provides, with the table below, the number of patients with a Referral to Treatment (RTT) wait time of, up to 26 weeks, between 26 and 36 weeks and over 36 weeks for the periods requested.

RTT	February 2020	June 2020
>26 weeks	43,560	74,661
26 to 36 weeks	4,903	15,910
<36 weeks	749	8,572

2. The UHB provides, within the table overleaf, the number of patients with a RTT wait time of over 52 weeks and over 104 weeks for the periods requested.

RTT	February 2020	June 2020
<52 weeks	10	337
<104 weeks	0	0

3. The UHB provides, within the table below, the average weekly waiting times for the specialisms provided for the periods requested.

Average weekly waiting times		
Area	February 2020	June 2020
Allied Health Profession Services	0	0
Anticoagulation Service	11	16
Audiological Medicine	0	0
Blood Transfusion	0	0
Cardiology	15	20
Cardiothoracic Surgery	0	0
Cardiothoracic Transplantation	0	0
Chemical Pathology	9	18
Clinical Cytogenetics and Molecular Genetics	0	0
Clinical Genetics	5	18
Clinical Immunology and Allergy	0	0
Clinical Neurophysiology	3	12
Clinical Oncology	0	0
Clinical Pharmacology	0	0
Clinical Physiology	0	0
Colorectal Surgery	0	0
Community Medicine	0	0
Dental Medicine	0	0
Dermatology	16	22
Diabetic Medicine	11	18
Diagnostic Services	0	0
ENT	17	24
Endocrinology	10	14

Gastroenterology	13	17
General Medicine	11	21
General Pathology	0	0
General Surgery	16	23
Genito Urinary Medicine	0	0
Geriatric Medicine	14	21
Gynaecology	15	22
Haematology (non clinical)	0	0
Haematology (clinical)	0	0
Hepatology	0	0
Histopathology	0	0
Immunopathology	0	0
Infectious Diseases	0	0
Interventional Radiotherapy	0	0
Joint Consultant Clinic	0	0
Maxillio Facial & Oral Surgery	0	0
Medical Microbiology	0	0
Medical Oncology	0	0
Medical Ophthalmology	0	0
Midwifery	0	0
Nephrology	11	16
Neurology	15	21
Neuropathology	0	0
Nuclear Medicine	0	0
Nursing	0	0
Obstetrics (in patients and day cases only)	0	0
Obstetrics – AN (outpatients only)	0	0
Obstetrics – PN (outpatients only)	0	0
Occupational Medicine	0	0
Ophthalmology	17	26
Oral Surgery	0	0
Orthodontics	0	0
Paediatric Dentistry	0	0
Paediatric Medical Oncology	0	0
Paediatric Surgery	0	0
Paediatrics	12	19
Pain Management	17	26
Palliative Medicine	0	0
Plastic Surgery	0	0
Radiology	0	0
Rehabilitation	0	0
Respiratory Medicine	13	21
Restorative Dentistry	0	0
Rheumatology	13	16
Transient Ischaemic Attack	0	12

Trauma and Orthopaedic	0	0
Urology	17	22

4. The UHB confirms that it does not hold protected times to clear the backlog for Oncology, Cardiovascular treatments, Neurological treatments and Orthopaedic surgery due to the current precautions in place and the prevalence of COVID-19 in the community. However, the UHB is gradually restarting services at reduced capacity levels in line with guidance from the Royal Colleges, Welsh Government and Public Health Wales and are treating patients strictly in accordance to clinical prioritisation.

Additionally, some of the treatments for the Neurology, Oncology and Cardiovascular patients are provided by Swansea Bay University Health Bay and therefore, the patients would also be included within their wait times.