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Requested:

1. How long are patients having to wait to have an IUS contraceptive device fitted?
2. How long are patients having to wait to have an IUD contraceptive device fitted?
3. How long are patients having to wait to have a gynaecology appointment?

Response:

1. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) confirms that intrauterine system (IUS) contraceptive devices are fitted within the sexual health service. The current wait time for an IUS contraceptive device to be fitted is between one (1) day and four (4) weeks.

It should be noted that clinics to fit IUS and intrauterine device (IUD) contraceptive devices do not run every day out of each site. Therefore, patients may wish to wait longer for an appointment at their nearest clinic, rather than travelling to an earlier clinic further away. If a patient is willing to travel, they may be able to have their IUS or IUD contraceptive device fitted sooner, hence the variation in wait time.

2. The UHB confirms that IUD contraceptive devices are fitted within the sexual health service. The current wait time for an IUD contraceptive device to be fitted is between one (1) day and four (4) weeks.
3. The UHB confirms the current wait for a general gynaecology outpatient appointment is 26 weeks from the date the UHB receives the referral.