

Reference:	FOI.2014.19
Subject:	Supra scapular nerve blocking (SSNB) injections
Date of Request:	25 November 2019

Requested:

1. What is the published waiting time from seeing a pain consultant at pain management at Glangwili Hospital to the actual receipt of the supra scapular nerve blocking injections for shoulders in particular if that information is available in respect of shoulders generally?
2. How many people are actually seen within that period of time?
3. How many people are currently waiting beyond that period of time?
4. Having received the first injections: -
 - i. What is the published waiting time for subsequent injections?
 - ii. How many people are currently waiting for those subsequent injections?
 - iii. How long are those people waiting for subsequent injections?

Response:

1. Hywel Dda University Health Board's (UHB) published average waiting time from a new referral to definitive treatment for pain management is 12.6 weeks as at the date of your request. In relation to shoulder treatment, the UHB is unable to provide specific waiting times from the outpatient's department (OPD) to treatment.
2. The UHB's referral to treatment target is thirty-six (36) weeks, 95% of patients are treated within this timeframe.
3. The UHB has no patients currently waiting over thirty-six (36) weeks for supra scapular blocks.
- 4i. The UHB has no published waiting times for repeat procedures.
- 4ii. The UHB confirms there are currently seventeen (17) patients waiting for further injections.
- 4iii. The UHB confirms the current average waiting time for subsequent routine repeat appointments is twelve (12) months. The current longest waiting time is thirteen (13) months for a radio frequency supra scapular block.