

<b>Reference:</b>	FOI.2346.20
<b>Subject:</b>	Symptomatic breast referrals
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**Requested:**

Please could you provide a report on the performance of the trust against the 2 week wait (2WW) target for symptomatic breast referrals.

Please provide the following breakdown, month on month for 2019 (Jan-Dec).

- Total Patients Referred
- Number of these patients seen within 14 days
- Number of these patients seen 15-16 days
- Number of these patients seen 17-21 days
- Number of these patients seen 22-28 days
- Number of these patients seen over 28 days

If it is easier, I have included a table you can complete.

**Response:**

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) has provided a breakdown of its performance of symptomatic breast referrals against the two week referral to treatment time target for urgent suspected cancer cases. The patients included within the 'removed without treatment' category refers to patients who were referred but subsequently removed from the waiting list due to no longer requiring treatment for various reasons including being treated elsewhere.

Month 2019	Total patients	Within 14 days	In 15 to 16 days	In 17 to 21 days	In 22 to 28 days	After 28 days	Removed without treatment
January	**	59	22	12	0	*	*
February	**	34	6	34	7	*	*
March	**	46	10	9	0	*	9
April	94	66	13	13	0	0	*
May	93	67	18	*	*	0	*
June	**	50	13	11	0	0	*
July	**	65	14	12	*	0	*
August	**	65	11	7	6	*	*
September	79	53	*	12	8	*	*
October	90	66	6	10	*	*	*
November	90	46	14	20	*	*	*
December	**	52	7	6	13	6	*
<b>Total</b>	<b>1062</b>	<b>669</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>37</b>

Where the figures in the table have been replaced with an asterisk (\*), the UHB is unable to provide you with the exact number of patients due to the low numbers of cases (5 and under), as there is a potential risk of identifying individuals if this was disclosed. Some totals may also have been replaced with a double asterisk (\*\*) to prevent calculation of the redacted figures. The UHB is therefore withholding this detail under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This information is protected by the Data Protection Act (DPA) 2018 / General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) 2016, as its disclosure would constitute unfair and unlawful processing and would be contrary to the principles and articles 6 and 9 of the GDPR. This exemption is absolute and therefore there is no requirement to apply the public interest test.

In reaching this decision, the Data Protection Act 2018 / General Data Protection Regulations 2016 defines personal data as data which relates to a living individual who can be identified solely from that data or from that data and other information which is in the possession of the data controller.