

Reference:	FOI.4083.20
Subject:	Waiting lists for an elective surgery
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Requested:

1. The number of patients in your health board area who are currently on the waiting list for an elective surgery. (If possible please also provide the number who have been waiting longer than the 36 weeks, as set out in the Welsh government's referral to treatment times guidelines.)
2. The number of patients in your health board area who were on the waiting list for an elective surgery immediately prior to the pause in non-emergency medical treatments because of the Covid-19 pandemic. (If possible please also provide the number who have been waiting longer than the 36 weeks, as set out in the Welsh government's referral to treatment times guidelines.)
3. The number of patients in your health board area who were on the waiting list for an elective surgery as of September 2019. (If possible please also provide the number who have been waiting longer than the 36 weeks, as set out in the Welsh government's referral to treatment times guidelines.)

Response:

1. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) provides, within the table below, the number of patients currently on a waiting list for an elective surgery and the number of patients that have been waiting longer than thirty six (36) weeks as at 31 August 2020.

Number on waiting list	Number waiting 36+ weeks
10,696	5,206

2. The UHB provides, within the table below, the number of patients that were on a waiting list for an elective surgery and the number of patients that were waiting longer than thirty six (36) weeks as at 31 March 2020.

Number on waiting list	Number waiting 36+ weeks
10,175	514

3. The UHB provides, within the table below, the number of patients that were on a waiting list for an elective surgery and the number of patients that were waiting longer than thirty six (36) weeks as at 30 September 2019.

Number on waiting list	Number waiting 36+ weeks
9,743	151

The UHB was on track to again achieve zero 36 week waits at the end of March 2020 before elective activity was suspended on clinical advice to enable the system to prepare for the COVID-19 pandemic.