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| <b>Reference:</b>       | FOI.4238.20    |
| <b>Subject:</b>         | Waiting lists  |
| <b>Date of Request:</b> | 9 October 2020 |

**Requested:**

1. As of 30th September 2020, please detail the number of patients waiting for all treatments, broken down by specialism and current weeks waited.

Please ensure that the number waiting more than 36 weeks and more than 52 weeks is included, as per the example attached.

2. I'd also like the number of patients waiting for all treatments as of 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019, again broken down by specialism and weeks waited.

3. Please also provide the number of patients waiting for surgery, broken down by specialism and by current weeks waited

Again please ensure that the number waiting more than 36 weeks and more than 52 weeks is included, as per the example attached.

4. I'd also like the number of patients waiting for surgery, broken down by specialism and by weeks waited for the same period in 2019.

Please provide this information in excel format, as per the example provided.

**Response:**

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) provides the information, within the attached Excel spreadsheet as requested, Attachment 1.

Where the figures in the tables 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. The UHB has also replaced totals which could be used to calculate the redacted figure with a double asterisk (\*\*). 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 2018/ General Data Protection Regulations 2016 (GDPR), 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.