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| Subject: | Waiting times for certain operations |
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Requested:

I'd like to find out the exact length of time people are likely to wait if they join an NHS Wales waiting list now for specific operations/procedures.

I appreciate there are already referral to treatment times (RTT) figures for certain so-called 'treatment functions' (trauma and orthopaedics, cardiology, urology etc.), but I'd like to get down to the more specific details.

Therefore, I'd like to find out (as of June 30):

1. The number of patients on the NHS waiting list in your health board for each of the following procedures:
 - a. Hip replacement
 - b. Knee replacement
 - c. Cataract surgery
 - d. Routine wait for respiratory clinics
 - e. Outpatient waits for women with pelvic pain
 - f. Prolapse surgery
 - g. Endoscopy in gastroenterology services
 - h. Routine physiotherapy
 - i. CAMHS - child and adolescent mental health services

2. The estimated time it would take someone joining the list in your health board on June 30 to receive their procedure in each of the following:
 - a. Hip replacement
 - b. Knee replacement
 - c. Cataract surgery
 - d. Routine wait for respiratory clinics
 - e. Outpatient waits for women with pelvic pain
 - f. Prolapse surgery
 - g. Endoscopy in gastroenterology services
 - h. Routine physiotherapy
 - i. Waits for CAMHS - child and adolescent mental health services

Response:

1. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) provides, within the table below, the number of patients on the waiting list for each of the listed procedures, as recorded on the Welsh Patient Administration System, at 30 June 2021.

| Procedure | Number |
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| Hip replacement | 929 |
| Knee replacement | 1,227 |
| Cataract surgery | 3,990 |
| Respiratory clinics – wait for first appointment | 891 |
| Outpatient waits for women with pelvic pain | Unavailable |
| Prolapse surgery | Unavailable |
| Endoscopy in gastroenterology services | 566 |
| Routine physiotherapy – wait for first appointment | 2,537 |
| Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services – wait for initial assessment | 47 |

Please note:- The numbers provided are based on the procedure codes recorded in the system and therefore, there may be some numbers missing due to delays with coding.

2. The UHB is unable to provide estimated information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. However, the UHB can confirm that each referral to treatment is assessed and risk stratified on its own merits for each specialism.