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I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 22nd August 2019. I apologise for the delay in responding. Your request sought information relating to hip operations.

Please note that since 1st April 2019 responsibility for providing healthcare services for people in the Bridgend County Borough Council area transferred from Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board to Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board. In light of this change to ABMU's responsibilities, the organisation's name has changed to Swansea Bay University Health Board. However as this response requires information prior 1st April 2019, we have provided the information that ABMU Health Board held which will include Bridgend data.

For each of the years 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 could you advise me of

1. The length in time of the waiting list.

The average wait for a routine hip replacement surgery is:

2014 – 42 weeks
2015 – 49 weeks
2016 – 43 weeks
2017 – 49 weeks
2018 – 54 weeks

Please note that some patients have their operations much sooner than this. The different waiting times depend on the care pathways of individual patients.

2. The number of people on the waiting list.

2014 – 451 patients



2015 - 732 patients
2016 - 739 patients
2017 - 782 patients
2018 - 1039 patients

Also could you advise me of:

3. The number of hip replacement operations that were cancelled in each of the above years.

The number of operations that were 'cancelled' as held on our systems is as follows:

2014 - 82 operations
2015 - 43 operations
2016 - 66 operations
2017 - 165 operations
2018 - 237 operations

Please note however that when considering the numbers above the word 'cancel' can be taken to mean they are not carried out at all, however in the majority of cases these operations are postponed and rescheduled.

To put the above figures into context on average the Health Board carries out over 780 hip operations annually.

4. When an operation is cancelled does the surgeon have to make up the hours lost and perform the operation again without it counting as double hours?

It depends on the circumstances. If the cancellation is known in advance then the Consultant can be redirected to do other clinical work. If the cancellation is on the day then they would not be obliged to make up the hours, however, some cancellations are because of emergency trauma cases taking priority in which case the Consultant would still be operating.

I hope this information is helpful. If you require anything further please contact us at FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk.

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Yours sincerely



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