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I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 4th December 2019. Your request sought information relating to Talking Therapies. We contacted you on 19th December 2019 to advise that the Mental Health waiting time target set in Wales is 28 days not 6 weeks, and the data we hold relates to this. You confirmed on 3rd January 2020 that you were happy to receive the information relating to a 28 day waiting time target.

1) After the first initial talking therapy session/mental health assessment how many patients waited more than the nationally set waiting time target of 6 weeks to begin their recommended psychological/talking therapy as determined by the initial assessment? (Please provide a breakdown from the last 3 years - 2016 - 2019, in calendar years not fiscal) Should services be broken down into counties/divisions please provide a breakdown of this information.

Please see response provided in the table below, which relates to the number of patients who waited greater than 28 days, including weekends.

Locality	2016	2017	2018	2019
Swansea	228	199	131	30
NPT	51	32	29	14

From January 2019 the definitions for reporting on patients waiting for low and high intensity therapies/interventions changed. Patients requiring high intensity



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psychological therapies/interventions (as defined in the Matrics Cymru) are reported under the new target of 26 weeks. This data was not previously recorded.

Number of patients waiting for high intensity psychological therapies as at 30th November 2019 under new target of 26 weeks.

	Swansea	Neath Port Talbot
<11 wks	320	96
12-17 wks	64	5
18-25 wks	42	0

2) And of those, how many waited (please provide a breakdown from the last 3 years - 2016 - 2019, in calendar years not fiscal)

Low Intensity

	2016	2017	2018	2019
More than 3 months				
Swansea	9	13	<5	0
NPT	<5	<5	<5	0
More than 6 months				
Swansea	0	8	0	0
NPT	0	<5	0	0
More than 9 months				
Swansea	0	0	0	0
NPT	0	0	0	0

High Intensity

	2016	2017	2018	2019
More than 3 months				
Swansea	n/a	n/a	n/a	1052
NPT	n/a	n/a	n/a	65
More than 6 months				
Swansea	n/a	n/a	n/a	0
NPT	n/a	n/a	n/a	0
More than 9 months				
Swansea	n/a	n/a	n/a	0
NPT	n/a	n/a	n/a	0

Where fewer than 5 has been indicated we are unable to provide you with the exact number of patients as due to the low numbers, there is a potential risk of identifying individuals if this was disclosed. We are therefore withholding this detail under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This information is protected by the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and Data Protection Act 2018 and its disclosure would be contrary to the data protection principles and constitute as unfair and unlawful processing in regard to Articles 5, 6, and 9 of GDPR. This exemption is absolute and therefore there is no requirement to apply the public interest test.



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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