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Corporate Services
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Dear [Redacted],

I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 5th August 2020. Your request sought information relating to Referral to Treatment Times (RTT).

1. How many patients were waiting up to 26 weeks, between 26 and 36 weeks and over 36 weeks in the months of February 2020 and June 2020?

Feb-20

Jun-20

Waiting Time	Patients on list
0-25 weeks	43,803
26-35 weeks	4,903
36 weeks +	5,729

Waiting Time	Patients on list
0-25 weeks	30,538
26-35 weeks	11,695
36 weeks +	13,417

2. Of these patients, how many were waiting over 52 weeks and how many were waiting over 104 weeks?



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Feb-20

Jun-20

Waiting Time	Patients on list
52-103 weeks	2104
104 weeks +	123

Waiting Time	Patients on list
52-103 weeks	4842
104 weeks +	266

3. Please provide the average waiting time for the following areas in the months of February 2020 and June 2020 (based on StatsWales treatment categories as provided by Health Boards):

Feb-20

Jun-20

Specialty	Average wait (weeks)
Cardiology	10
Cardiothoracic Surgery	11
Dermatology	12
Endocrinology	6
ENT	16
Gastroenterology	16
General Medicine	7
General Surgery	17
Gynaecology	15
Haematology	10
Medicine For The Elderly	6
Nephrology	6
Neurology	10
Ophthalmology	19
Oral/Maxillo Facial Surgery	16
Orthodontics	8
Paediatric Neurology	8
Paediatrics	5
Pain Management	3
Plastic Surgery	15
Rehabilitation	10
Restorative Dentistry	8
Rheumatology	6
Thoracic Medicine	9
Transient Ischaemic Attack	4
Trauma & Orthopaedic	26
Urology	12

Specialty	Average wait (weeks)
Cardiology	20
Cardiothoracic Surgery	21
Dermatology	20
Endocrinology	7
ENT	28
Gastroenterology	22
General Medicine	16
General Surgery	27
Gynaecology	27
Haematology	17
Medicine For The Elderly	16
Nephrology	13
Neurology	18
Ophthalmology	32
Oral/Maxillo Facial Surgery	27
Orthodontics	22
Paediatric Neurology	18
Paediatrics	13
Pain Management	13
Plastic Surgery	27
Rehabilitation	14
Restorative Dentistry	21
Rheumatology	12
Thoracic Medicine	19
Transient Ischaemic Attack	7
Trauma & Orthopaedic	38
Urology	21



4. The projected times you have calculated to clear backlogs in the following key areas:

- **Oncology / radiology**
- **Cardiovascular treatment**
- **Neurological treatment**

Given the current circumstances surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic and its continued impact on our services, it is not possible to predict how long it would take to clear backlogs of patients waiting for treatment. Patients are being treated based on clinical priority and capacity will increase when circumstance allows.

We are working hard at restarting services where we can, and finding innovative ways of providing them where possible. You can find more information and updates on our website;

<https://sbuhb.nhs.wales/coronavirus-covid-19/information/re-starting-services>

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



Pam Wenger
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