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Cais Rhyddid Gwybodaeth / Freedom of Information request **Ein Cyf / Our Ref: 22-L-040**

You asked:

I want to know how long it can take for the first appointment with a gynaecologist?

You clarified on 6th January 2023 that you would like us to provide the average and longest waits for patients currently waiting for a first appointment with our gynaecology department.

Unfortunately it isn't possible to provide exact expected or current waiting times for a patient on the waiting list for a first Gynaecology appointment in SBUHB. Waiting times for these appointments can vary from patient to patient depending on their specific circumstances.

Therefore, in order to answer your question, we have provided the amount of time the majority of patients on our waiting list have been waiting for a Gynaecology appointment. This figure excludes any exceptional cases, who may have longer waits than usual for a variety of reasons personal to their individual cases.

As at 31st December 2022, 95% of patients waiting for a first Gynaecology appointment had been waiting 58 weeks or less.

As at 31st December 2022, there were 3503 patients on the waiting list for a first appointment with Gynaecology.

The Covid-19 pandemic has caused huge disruption to NHS services, not just in Swansea Bay but across the UK.

As with all health organisations, during the pandemic we suspended non-emergency services and appointments so our hospitals did not become overwhelmed while we



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cared for those seriously ill with the virus. Inevitably this has affected waiting times as it has done with all other health boards.

Clearly this was not something any of us would have wanted and we were extremely conscious of the potential consequences for patients.

Since the start of the pandemic we have continued to care for those requiring urgent treatment, and following the first wave we reintroduced many of our services and have done our best to keep disruption to a minimum throughout the subsequent waves, often with change in place to protect patients and staff, but continuing to provide as much planned care as possible.

Our hard-working staff have supported this by coming up with innovative solutions to protect services, adapt services to continue recognising the existence of the virus and introduce new ones specifically as a result of the virus – there are numerous examples on our website.

