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Bwrdd Iechyd Prifysgol
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Swansea Bay University
Health Board

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Cais Rhyddid Gwybodaeth / Freedom of Information request **Ein Cyf / Our Ref: 22-J-019**

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 first wave we suspended non-emergency services and appointments so our hospitals did not become overwhelmed while we 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 remainder, 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.

Please note that some of the patients who have been waiting a long time, are patients awaiting orthopaedic surgery who also have complex medical needs and therefore must have their surgery in Morriston Hospital. We are currently looking at ring fencing some beds at Morriston Hospital to begin surgery on these patients.

You asked:

1. How many patient pathways in your health board are currently on over a three year wait?

2559 patients waiting between 3 and 4 years



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2. How many patient pathways in your health board currently are on over a four year wait?

220 patients waiting between 4 and 5 years

3. How many patient pathways in your health board currently are on over a five year wait?

20 patients waiting between 5 and 6 years

4. How many patient pathways in your health board currently are on over a six year wait?

<5* patients waiting 6 years or more

*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.

