

Freedom of Information Request	FOI 22-435	4 th October 2022
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The information I would like to know:

What is the average wait time for patients of ABUHB wanting an appointment with a consultant?

Based on the period April to August 2022:

The average waiting time for first outpatient appointment (*routine*) = 118 days (or 16 weeks)

The average waiting time for first outpatient appointment (*urgent*) = 42 days (or 5 weeks)

The average waiting time for first outpatient appointment (*overall/combined urgent and routine*) = 89 days (or 12 weeks)

How many people are on the waiting list for an appointment at a hospital under ABUHB? Can this be broken down by hospital/department please?

Please find below figures for patients on the Health Board's new outpatient waiting list as of 31st August 2022.

Specialty	New Outpatient Waiting List
Trauma & Orthopaedic	16,033
Ophthalmology	14,101
Ear Nose & Throat	10,117
Cardiology	7,717
Physiotherapy	6,769
Gynaecology	6,573
Urology	5,887
Dermatology	5,672
General Surgery	4,904
Gastroenterology	4,061
Maxillo-Facial	2,934
Respiratory	2,552
Neurology	2,436
Midwife Led Care	2,300
Respiratory Physiology	2,273
Paediatric	1,986
Medical Virology	1,927
Diabetes & Endocrinology	1,819

Specialty	New Outpatient Waiting List
Obstetrics	1,604
Adult Weight Management	1,502
Podiatry	1,288
Rheumatology	1,127
Orthoptic - Medical Eyes	1,046
Diabetes Education	985
Dietetics	961
Care Of The Elderly	861
Anaesthetics	754
Orthodontics	674
Child & Adolescent Psychiatry	672
Audiology	668
Clinical Microbiology	659
Neurophysiology	641
Speech & Language Therapy	540
Occupational Therapy	498
Clinical Haematology	419
Obstetrics Ante Natal	409
Chemical Pathology	374
Orthotics	335
Pain Management	269
Vascular Surgery	245
Clinical Immunology & Allergy	203
Rehabilitation	202
Nephrology	161
Post-COVID-19 Syndrome Service	149
Radiotherapy & Oncology	78
Stroke	71
General Medicine	53
Clinical Pharmacology & Therapeutics	52
Radiology	50
Biochemistry (HBT)	48
Accident & Emergency	26
Biochemistry (MET)	20
Paediatric Neurology	20
Child Weight Management	15
Restorative Dentistry	12
Nursing Activity	11
GP Other	10
Occupational Medicine	10
Intermediate Care	8
Post-COVID-19 Paediatric	7
Infectious Diseases	6
Psychology Diabetes	<5
Obstetrics Post Natal	<5

Specialty	New Outpatient Waiting List
Palliative Care	<5
Diagnostic Imaging USC	<5

Please note where less than five (5) patients have been identified, Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 has been applied as the Health Board cannot provide the exact numbers due to the low numbers of individuals involved (5 or less). The Health Board believes there is a potential risk of individuals being able to be identified, when considered with other information already available within the public domain, if this was disclosed. Therefore, the data is classed as personal data as defined under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and Data Protection Act 2018 and its disclosure would be contrary to the data protection principles and constitute unfair and unlawful processing in regard to Articles 5, 6, and 9 of GDPR. We are therefore withholding this detail under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This exemption is absolute and therefore there is no requirement to apply the public interest test.

Specific figures for Trauma and Orthopaedics wait list please.

Based on the period April to August 2022.

Fracture:

The average waiting time for first outpatient appointment (*routine*) = 78 days (or 11 weeks)

The average waiting time for first outpatient appointment (*urgent*) = 20 days (or 2 weeks)

The average waiting time for first outpatient appointment (*overall/combined urgent and routine*) = 21 days (or 2 weeks)

Orthopaedic:

The average waiting time for first outpatient appointment (*routine*) = 408 days (or 58 weeks)

The average waiting time for first outpatient appointment (*urgent*) = 161 days (or 22 weeks)

The average waiting time for first outpatient appointment (*overall/combined urgent and routine*) = 325 days (or 46 weeks)

Please note the number of T&O patients on the new outpatient waiting list is detailed in Q2.