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Dear [REDACTED],

I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 16th October 2020. Your request sought information relating to waiting lists.

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, we had to suspend 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 is not something any of us would have wanted and we are extremely conscious of the potential consequences for patients. Since the start of the pandemic we have continued to care for those requiring urgent treatment.

Our hard-working staff have also come 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. As it has become safe and appropriate to do so we have reintroduced many services, often with changes in place to protect patients and staff.

1. Total number of ophthalmology outpatients assessed as Health Risk Factor R1, currently waiting within the target date or within 25% beyond target date, for an outpatient appointment in your health board area.

As at 30th September 2020 = 8962



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2. Total number of ophthalmology outpatients as Health Risk Factor R1, waiting for an outpatient appointment in your health board area.

As at 30th September 2020 = 18775

3. What is the total number on the outpatient backlog for cataract surgery in your health board area?

As at 30th September 2020

Total Cataract Outpatient waiting list = 1567

Total Cataract Surgery waiting list = 2356

a. How many of those patients have been waiting longer than the current target referral to treatment time of 36 weeks?

Cataract Outpatient backlog 36 weeks+ = 711

Cataract Surgery backlog 36 weeks+ = 1793

4. What was the total number on the outpatient backlog for cataract surgery in your health board as of March 31, 2020?

Total Cataract Outpatient waiting list = 1132

Total Cataract Surgery waiting list = 2493

a. How many of those patients were waiting longer than the current target referral to treatment time of 36 weeks?

Cataract Outpatient backlog 36 weeks+ = 0

Cataract Surgery backlog 36 weeks+ = 1140

5. What was the total number on the outpatient backlog for cataract surgery in your health board as of October 2019?

Total Cataract Outpatient waiting list = 1125

Total Cataract Surgery waiting list = 2101

a. How many of those patients were waiting longer than the current target referral to treatment time of 36 weeks?

Cataract Outpatient backlog 36 weeks+ = 0

Cataract Surgery backlog 36 weeks+ = 643

6. How many diabetic patients in your health board area are waiting for ophthalmic appointments?

As at 30th September 2020 = 1340

a. How of those patients are over target waiting times?

687

7. How many diabetic patients in your health board area were waiting for ophthalmic appointments as of March 31, 2020?



1064

a. How of those patients were over target waiting times?

219

8. How many diabetic patients in your health board area were waiting for ophthalmic appointments as of October 2019?

908

a. How of those patients were over target waiting times?

263

I hope this information is helpful. If you require anything further please contact us at FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk.

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If after Internal Review you remain dissatisfied you are also entitled to refer the matter to the information commissioner at the Information Commissioner's Office (Wales), 2nd Floor, Churchill House, Churchill Way, Cardiff, CF10 2HH. Telephone Number: 029 2067 8400.

Yours sincerely



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