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Bwrdd Iechyd Prifysgol  
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Health Board

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Rydym yn croesawu gohebiaeth yn y Gymraeg neu'r Saesneg. Atebir gohebiaeth Gymraeg yn y Gymraeg, ac ni fydd hyn yn arwain at oedi. We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English. Welsh language correspondence will be replied to in Welsh, and this will not lead to a delay.

## **Cais Rhyddid Gwybodaeth / Freedom of Information request** **Ein Cyf / Our Ref: 22-I-027**

### **You asked:**

#### **1. What is the current longest waiting time for bariatric surgery? Please break it down into Gastric Band, Gastric Bypass and Gastric Sleeve.**

Please note that insertion of gastric bands is not undertaken at Swansea Bay Health Board, therefore the number for gastric bands below is for 'removal' only.

Gastric Band – 49 weeks  
Gastric Bypass – 130 weeks  
Gastric sleeve – 105 weeks

#### **2. What is the average waiting time for bariatric surgery? Please break it down into Gastric Band, Gastric Bypass and Gastric Sleeve.**

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Gastric Band – 31 weeks  
Gastric Bypass – 48 weeks  
Gastric sleeve – 42 weeks

#### **3. How many people are currently waiting for bariatric surgery assessment?**

As of 19<sup>th</sup> September 2022, 186 patients.

#### **4. How many bariatric surgeries have been performed? (Please provide data for 2022, 2021 and 2020). Please break down into Gastric Band, Gastric Bypass and Gastric Sleeve.**

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Calendar Year	Gastric Band (removal only)	Gastric Sleeve	Gastric Bypass
2020	13	6	<5
2021	14	<5	0
2022 (as of 19th Sept)	19	14	0

Where fewer than 5 has been indicated we are unable to provide you with the exact number 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.

**5. How many corrective bariatric surgeries / procedures were carried out because of a patient returning from having surgery abroad? (Please provide data for 2022, 2021 and 2020).**

For the period 2020 to 2022, there have been 7 corrective procedures. We are unable to break this down by year due to the low numbers and therefore 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.

