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Cais Rhyddid Gwybodaeth / Freedom of Information request **Ein Cyf / Our Ref: 23-E-027**

I can confirm this information is correct as at 22nd May 2023.

You asked:

1. What is the current longest waiting time for bariatric surgery, specifically relating to Gastric Sleeve and Gastric Bypass?

Laparoscopic Sleeve Gastrectomy – 36 weeks

Laparoscopic Roux-en-y Gastric Bypass – 27 weeks

2. What is the average waiting time for bariatric surgery, specifically relating to Gas Sleeve and Gastric Bypass?

Laparoscopic Sleeve Gastrectomy – 9 weeks

Laparoscopic Roux-en-y Gastric Bypass – 13 weeks

3. What is the average waiting time for Gastric Sleeve and Gastric Bypass for an expedited referral for infertility?

I can confirm that this information is not recorded.

4. How many people are currently waiting for bariatric surgery assessment?

Please note that we have provided this information for patients waiting for a pre-assessment for bariatric surgery. This also includes re-assessment and additional anaesthetic reviews.

Laparoscopic Sleeve Gastrectomy – 6 patients

Laparoscopic Roux-en-y Gastric Bypass – <5 patients

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.

5. How many of those people are on the expedited list?

I can confirm that SBUHB do not have an expedited list.

6. Where waiting lists have been provided, please advise from what stage this waiting time is calculated. For example, in your document (22-I-027), you have stated there is an average waiting time for Gastric Sleeve of 42 weeks. Is this 42 weeks from GP referral, self-referral, Dietitian sign-off, psychologist sign-off, or initial Surgeon appointment. Please provide specifics.

The previous FOI response to which you refer (22-I-027) is now historic data. Due to the number of patients treated in 22/23, the Stage 5 waiting list has reduced to 14 patients. Additional theatres in Singleton and Morriston hospitals were utilised to reduce any backlog. The SBU waiting list is now at 14 patients in total awaiting surgery.

Waiting time is calculated from the initial surgeon outpatient appointment with an outcome (e.g. approval for surgery).

