



Llywodraeth Cymru  
Welsh Government

ATISN 15034

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Dear

### **ATISN 15034 – Cataract Waiting Times**

Thank you for your request to the Welsh Government for information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) received on 26 March. You asked for the following information in relation to cataract waiting times:

- 1. Waiting time for the initial consultation appointment from referral date*
- 2. Number of people waiting for the initial consultation from referral date*
- 3. Time from the initial consultation to the appointment for procedure to be undertaken*
- 4. Number of consultation day clinics per week for the initial assessment for treatment. (I accept that this information may not be available due to combined clinics i.e initial assessments and follow up appointments post procedures)*

### **Response**

The Welsh Government only holds aggregate information at a speciality level, i.e. ophthalmology and therefore does not hold specific information in relation waiting times for cataract procedures. For information regarding cataract waiting times at Cardiff and Vale University Health Board, I would suggest you contact the Freedom of Information team at Cardiff and Vale Health Board. Their contact details can be found below:

[CAV\\_FOI.Requests@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:CAV_FOI.Requests@wales.nhs.uk)

The request you sent me contains personal information about you - for example, your name and address. The Welsh Government will be the data processor for this information and, in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation, it will be processed in order to fulfil our public task and meet our legal obligations under the Act to provide you with a response. We will only use this personal information to deal with your request and any matters which arise as a result of it. We will keep your personal information and all other information relating to your request for three years from the date on which your request is finally closed. Your personal information will then be disposed of securely.

Under data protection legislation, you have the right:

- to be informed of the personal data we hold about you and to access it
- require us to rectify inaccuracies in that data
- to (in certain circumstances) object to or restrict processing
- for (in certain circumstances) your data to be 'erased'
- to (in certain circumstances) data portability
- to lodge a complaint with the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) who is our independent regulator for data protection

For further information about the information which the Welsh Government holds and its use, or if you wish to exercise your rights under the GDPR, please see contact details below:

Data Protection Officer  
Welsh Government  
Cathays Park  
CARDIFF  
CF10 3NQ  
Email: [DataProtectionOfficer@gov.wales](mailto:DataProtectionOfficer@gov.wales)

### **Next Steps**

If you are dissatisfied with the Welsh Government's handling of your request, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this response. Requests for an internal review should be addressed to the Welsh Government's Freedom of Information Officer at:

Information Rights Unit,  
Welsh Government,  
Cathays Park,  
CARDIFF,  
CF10 3NQ  
Email: [Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales](mailto:Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales)

Please remember to quote the ATISN reference number above.

You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office,  
Wycliffe House,  
Water Lane,  
Wilmslow,  
CHESHIRE,  
SK9 5AF.

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Any information released under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 or Environmental Information Regulations 2004 will be listed in the Welsh Government's Disclosure Log (at <https://gov.wales/about/open-government/freedom-of-information/responses/?lang=en>).

Yours sincerely,