

Dear

### **ATISN 16746 – Waiting Lists**

Thank you for your request to the Welsh Government for information received on 10 October which has been be dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) (FOIA). I have interpreted your request as follows:

1. *How many people have died while waiting over two years for an outpatient appointment in the Welsh NHS. I would like the data broken down by year for the years:  
2016  
2017  
2018  
2019  
2020  
2021  
2022 (up to most recent data)*
2. *How many patient pathways in the Welsh NHS currently are on over a three year wait?*
3. *How many patient pathways in the Welsh NHS currently are on over a four year wait?*
4. *How many patient pathways in the Welsh NHS currently are on over a five year wait?*
5. *How many patient pathways in the Welsh NHS currently are on over a six year wait?*

This information should be broken down by health board if possible or data for the whole of Wales.

### **Response**

1. Welsh Government does not hold the data you are seeking. Individual health boards may hold this information and their contact points can be found [here](#)
2. Welsh Government does not hold the information you have requested. Welsh Government only holds data up to 104 weeks, as waits over this time are consolidated together and cannot be broken down any further. This information is published and available here [NHS hospital waiting times \(gov.wales\)](#). For data over 104 weeks, you may wish to contact individual health boards and their contact points can be found [here](#)

**3, 4 & 5** - As response above (2)

### **Next Steps**

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
- to 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)

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

or 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

Yours sincerely,