

# Request title: Referral to Treatment statistics as at 21st Dec 2015

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Date of Response: 26<sup>th</sup> January 2016

Further to your Freedom of Information request, the Trust has answered your questions in the order they appear in your request.

## Request and reply

By specialty as below please can you provide the following information:

Specialty	As at 21 December 2015 Average weeks waiting for 1st OPA	As at 21 December 2015 Number of incomplete RTT Pathways between 16-18 weeks	As at 21 December 2015 Number of patients waiting over 18 weeks on an incomplete RTT Pathway	As at 21 December 2015 Longest waiting patient (weeks) on an RTT Pathway	As at 21 December 2015 Top 3 reasons for patients breaching 18 week wait
100_GeneralSurgery	5	101	286	49	
101_Urology	2	32	98	46	
110_TraumaOrthopaedics	2	140	424	45	
120_ENT	5	33	52	38	
130_Ophthalmology	3	23	18	45	
170_CardiothoracicSurgery		0	0	13	
300_GeneralMedicine	1	0	0	15	
301_Gastroenterology	4	24	20	36	
320_Cardiology	10	41	130	47	
320_Cardiology	Duplicate of above	Duplicate of above	Duplicate of above	Duplicate of above	
340_ThoracicMedicine	3	9	14	29	
410_Rheumatology	4	2	0	17	

430_GeriatricMedicine	6	1	0	16	
502_Gynaecology	3	44	115	43	
104_COLORECTAL SURGERY	6	0	0	0	
290_COMMUNITY PAEDIATRICS	0	0	0	13	
106_UPPER GASTROINTESTINAL SURGERY	0	0	0	0	
103_BREAST SURGERY	2	2	4	22	
302_ENDOCRINOLOGY	0	0	0	0	
822_CHEMICAL PATHOLOGY	0	0	0	0	
420_PAEDIATRICS	10	1	7	44	
370_MEDICAL ONCOLOGY	0	0	0	12	
215_PAEDIATRIC EAR NOSE AND THROAT	0	0	0	0	
307_DIABETIC MEDICINE	0	0	0	14	
711_CHILD and ADOLESCENT PSYCHIATRY	0	0	0	0	
214_PAEDIATRIC TRAUMA AND ORTHOPAEDICS	0	0	0	0	
290_COMMUNITY PAEDIATRICS	Duplicate	Duplicate	Duplicate	Duplicate	

### Reply

The Trust is not able to provide the 'reason' for breaching 18 week pathway as this is not something that is recorded on its Patient Administration System.

Please note: The figures for the 21<sup>st</sup> December 2015 are provided as an un-validated position and are representative of a snapshot in time.

This snapshot of longest waits is not representative of the overall wait for treatment at the Royal Devon and Exeter NHS Foundation Trust. Nationally available figures can be found here <https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/rtt-waiting-times/>

Under the NHS Constitution for England, patients have a legal right to start treatment within 18 weeks after GP referral for non-urgent conditions. If this is not possible, the NHS must take reasonable steps to offer them a range of alternative providers. This is measured using the Incomplete

operational standard known as Referral to Treatment (RTT) and is reflective of the total waiting list (patients who are still waiting for treatment).

Most patients will choose to be seen at the earliest opportunity. However, patients are entitled to wait longer for their treatment if they wish. Patients are allowed to plan their treatment around their personal circumstances, taking account of clinical advice where undue delay may present a risk to them even if this means they will be treated beyond 18 weeks.

Some patients may fall into the clinically complex category and where this is clinically appropriate will wait longer, as diagnosis and treatment plans are formulated and agreed.