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Response Due: 21<sup>st</sup> March 2023

Date: 21<sup>st</sup> March 2023

Dear Sir/Madam

You asked:

**I would the following data broken down by month for between December 2018 to January 2023:**

- 1) How many patients left the waiting list for whatever reason. Please ensure people are counted more than once if they left more than one waiting list.**

Please find answer in attached spreadsheet.

- 2) Of these, how many left the waiting list because they were admitted as an emergency and treated for the condition their referral related to during their emergency stay, therefore ending the treatment waiting pathway? Please ensure people are counted more than once if they left more than one waiting list. Please note that the Welsh government has outlined how this may occur on page 8 of this guidance here:**

<https://senedd.wales/media/ycspv5fr/hospital-waiting-times.pdf>

We can only assess the data from May 2020 onwards, so we're unable to report on the whole period requested; but between May 2020 – Jan 23 there were 2 pathways recorded on our systems that were stopped due to an emergency admission.

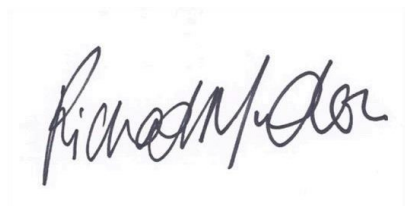
- 3) And of these (patients in question 1), how many left the waiting list because they died? Please ensure people are counted more than once if they were on more than one waiting list when they died.**

Please find answer in attached spreadsheet.

**A patient could be subject to multiple different referrals, so I would like data based on the referrals rather than individual people ie If a person dies while on three waiting lists for instance, I would like them to be counted as three referral waiting periods/RTT pathways ending due to death.**

If you are not entirely satisfied with this response, please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department on email address provided. If we do not hear from you within 28 days, we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard Mundon', is centered within a light gray rectangular box.

Richard Mundon  
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