

Reference: FOI.ICB-2324/338

Subject: Audiology Service

I can confirm that the ICB does hold some of the information requested; please see responses below:

QUESTION	RESPONSE										
<p>My FOI relates to NHS Audiology services, not AQP services. For the avoidance of any further doubt, I have added emphasis in [...].</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the current length of the waiting list for [NHS] audiology appointments? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. How many patients are currently on the [NHS] waiting list for audiology services? b. What is the average waiting time for people on the [NHS] audiology waiting list? c. Can patients self-refer to [your NHS] audiology [service]? If so, how? 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. As of 29th October, there are 788 people waiting on the Audiology Waiting list. <div style="margin-top: 10px;"> <p>Current waiters 788</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">29 October 2023</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left; border-bottom: 1px solid black; border-right: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;">Provider split</th> <th style="text-align: left; border-bottom: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;">Waiting time split</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="border-right: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; padding: 2px 5px;">UHBW</td> <td style="padding: 2px 5px;">788</td> </tr> </table> </td> <td style="padding: 5px;"> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; padding: 2px 5px;">0-18 weeks</td> <td style="padding: 2px 5px;">607</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; padding: 2px 5px;">19-51 weeks</td> <td style="padding: 2px 5px;">181</td> </tr> </table> </td> </tr> </tbody> </table> </div> b. Myplannedcare website holds this data, but note this is included with ENT numbers https://www.myplannedcare.nhs.uk/swest/bristol/specialty/?sname=Ear,%20Nose%20and%20Throat c. No, patients requiring to be seen in UHBW (University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust) need to go via GP – see https://remedy.bnssg.icb.nhs.uk/adults/ent/audiology-adult/ for pathway details 	Provider split	Waiting time split	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; padding: 2px 5px;">UHBW</td> <td style="padding: 2px 5px;">788</td> </tr> </table>	UHBW	788	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; padding: 2px 5px;">0-18 weeks</td> <td style="padding: 2px 5px;">607</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; padding: 2px 5px;">19-51 weeks</td> <td style="padding: 2px 5px;">181</td> </tr> </table>	0-18 weeks	607	19-51 weeks	181
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The information provided in this response is accurate as of 12 December 2023 and has been approved for release by Sarah Truelove, Deputy Chief Executive and Chief Finance Officer for NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICB.