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Dear Gareth,

I am responding to your written question:

“What is the Welsh Government doing to reduce paediatric waiting times within, Betsi Cadwalader University Health Board which has the most patients on paediatric waiting lists in Wales?”

Over the last 24 months, the number of pathways over two years for people under 18 has fallen from 1,227 to 766 – a 38% reduction. While waits are still too long, it is encouraging to note these improvements. Waits across most specialities have reduced (see table 1). Dermatology and orthodontics are the main challenges which my officials and the NHS Executive are supporting the health board to develop and implement recovery plans.

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Table 1: Waits over two years for people under 18, April 2022 and April 2024 for Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board.

Specialties	Apr-22	Apr-24
Burns/plastics	0	1
Derm	49	111
ENT	544	92
Endocrinology	1	0
GS	33	1
Gynaecology	3	0
ophthalmology	137	31
oral surgery	145	62
Orthodontics	184	453
Paediatrics	0	1
Urology	53	10
Orthopaedics	78	4
Total	1227	766

Yours sincerely,



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