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Dear Sam

Thank you for your recent written question asking me what is the average wait time for colonoscopy investigations in the current financial year, and each of the last five financial years, broken down by health board.

The information requested is not published as part of routine waiting times statistics, but has been produced as a bespoke analysis. The figures are provided below.

Data presented in this table are the median current waiting times, in weeks, for colonoscopies in March of each year from 2018 onwards. Figures for whole financial years are not available. Note that these data are for open patient pathways and reflect how long patient pathways had been waiting at the time. These data do not reflect how long a pathway ultimately waited until their service was provided.

**Median waiting time (weeks) for Colonoscopies, as at the end of each financial year, by local health board, 2018-2022**

	Mar-18	Mar-19	Mar-20	Mar-21	Mar-22
<b>Wales</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>10.1</b>	<b>12.0</b>
Betsi Cadwaladr	4.4	10.4	3.1	9.6	7.6
Hywel Dda	2.3	3.2	3.9	10.5	15.9
Abertawe Bro Morgannwg <sup>1</sup>	3.4	3.2	-	-	-
Swansea Bay <sup>1</sup>	-	-	3.5	22.8	19.2
Cardiff and Vale	5.7	2.6	3.6	6.7	8.2
Cwm Taf <sup>1</sup>	3.3	2.0	-	-	-
Cwm Taf Morgannwg <sup>1</sup>	-	-	4.2	15.6	23.4
Aneurin Bevan	2.7	3.9	3.7	6.7	10.5
Powys	2.3	2.5	2.7	7.3	2.7

**Source: Welsh Government analysis of Diagnostic and Therapy Services Waiting Times (DATs), DHCW**

<sup>1</sup> On 01 April 2019 changes were made to the boundaries of Abertawe Bro Morgannwg and Cwm Taf health boards. The names of those health boards also changed, to Swansea Bay and Cwm Taf Morgannwg respectively

I hope this information is helpful.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. E. Morgan'.

**Eluned Morgan AS/MS**

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