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**WRITTEN QUESTION  
FOR ANSWER BY THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES  
ON 8 OCTOBER 2020**

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**Neil McEvoy (South Wales Central):** What is the total amount of outstanding hospital appointments in each of the health board areas of Wales? (WQ81171)

**Vaughan Gething:** As you will be aware, on 13 March I issued a directive to all health boards to postpone all non-urgent elective activity to allow them to prepare for the expected increase in workload in dealing with the pandemic.

Consultants are now going through their waiting lists to risk stratify and prioritise all patients, so that when it is safe to restart services, the most urgent patients are seen first.

Management information shows that at the end of July 2020, there were nearly 480,000 patients waiting on the open referral to treatment pathway. This is an increase of 5% compared to the end of March. Of those waiting at the end of July, nearly 120,000 had been waiting over 36 weeks, an increase of 324% compared to March.

The information by health board is summarised in the tables below.

| RTT               | Total list size |                |           | over 36 weeks |                |             |
|-------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------|---------------|----------------|-------------|
|                   | Mar-20          | Jul-20         | % change  | Mar-20        | Jul-20         | % change    |
| Aneurin Bevan     | 85,205          | 86,170         | 1%        | 1,623         | 17,967         | 1007%       |
| Betsi Cadwaladr   | 95,885          | 102,830        | 7%        | 11,421        | 29,235         | 156%        |
| Cardiff & Vale    | 87,579          | 86,805         | -1%       | 3,515         | 22,129         | 530%        |
| Cwm Taf Morgannwg | 64,970          | 72,871         | 12%       | 4,504         | 19,452         | 332%        |
| Hywel Dda         | 56,313          | 59,899         | 6%        | 722           | 12,450         | 1624%       |
| Powys             | 5,770           | 5,834          | 1%        | 0             | 519            | n/a         |
| Swansea Bay       | 61,087          | 65,204         | 7%        | 6,509         | 18,078         | 178%        |
| <b>All Wales</b>  | <b>456,809</b>  | <b>479,613</b> | <b>5%</b> | <b>28,294</b> | <b>119,830</b> | <b>324%</b> |

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