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Current waiting times for both angiogram examinations and follow-up CABG surgery

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Further to your Freedom of Information Act request, please find the Trust's response(s) below:

Please be aware that the Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust (Royal Devon) has existed since 1st April 2022 following the integration of the Northern Devon Healthcare NHS Trust (known as Northern Services) and the Royal Devon and Exeter NHS Foundation Trust (known as Eastern Services).

I am writing to request up to date information detailing:

1. The current waiting times for angiogram examinations.

The Trust are currently booking patients over 78 weeks in line with NHS England guidelines.

Due to the length of our waiting list and our inpatient and bed pressures we are unable to give time frames to our patients. Our reasoning for not giving out set timeframes is to avoid setting unrealistic expectations to our patients leading to disappointment and upset.

2. Current waiting times for follow-up CABG surgery

CABG are performed at Derriford as such the Trust is unable to respond to this question as we do not hold this information. Please see link as follows:

[Freedom of information | University Hospitals Plymouth NHS Trust \(plymouthhospitals.nhs.uk\)](https://www.plymouthhospitals.nhs.uk)

Post CABG the patient should be followed up 3 months by the cardiothoracic surgeon (in this case Derriford) and then usually a surveillance follow-up after this by the patient's cardiologist.