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## **Trust-Wide Outpatient Waiting Times (December 2025)**

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I am requesting the following data regarding outpatient waiting lists as of 31st December 2025:

**Trust-Wide Statistics: Across all specialties managed by the Belfast Health and Social Care Trust, what is the total number of patients (adult and paediatric) currently waiting longer than 52 weeks for a first outpatient appointment?**

As of December 2025 there are 86,968 patients waiting over 52 weeks for a first outpatient appointment

**Paediatric Gastroenterology (RBHSC):**

**As of 31st December 2025, what is the longest recorded wait time (in weeks) for a "routine" first outpatient appointment in Paediatric Gastroenterology at the Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children?**

Routine – Paediatric Gastroenterology, longest wait time is 124 weeks.

**How many children are currently on the waiting list for a first appointment in this specific specialty who have been waiting longer than 52 weeks**

Total waiting for Paediatric Gastroenterology outpatient appointment over 52 weeks is 230.

**Specialty Extremes: Please list the three clinical specialties within the Trust currently experiencing the longest individual wait times for a first outpatient appointment, and the duration of those waits in weeks.**

Rheumatology – 539 weeks  
Neurology – 497 weeks  
Ophthalmology – 465 weeks