

Belfast Trust New Patient Waiting Times – UPDATE AT APRIL 2022

Please note that waiting times are estimates and may be further impacted by pressures associated with COVID-19, and capacity available. Changes in referral clinical urgency or subspecialty referrals may have an impact on the estimated waiting times.

Speciality	Suspect Cancer/Red Flag Outpatient Appointment (days)	URGENT Consultant-Led Outpatient Appointment (weeks)	ROUTINE Consultant-Led Outpatient Appointment (weeks)
Allergy	N/A	71	388
Audiology	N/A	N/A	20 <i>(Audiologist-appointment)</i>
Breast	14 days	9	20
Breast reconstruction	N/A	9	118
Cardiac Surgery	N/A	13	15
Cardiology	N/A	51	168
Colorectal Surgery	14 days	94	165
Dental Conservation	N/A	9	14
Dental Oral Medicine	14 days	11	49
Dental Oral Surgery	14 days	9	12
Dental Orthodontics	N/A	12	79
Dental Periodontics	N/A	14	132
Dental Prosthetics	N/A	9	45
Dental Special Care	N/A	129	168
Dermatology	19 days	114	241
Diabetic/Endocrine	42 days	49	108
Endocrine Surgery	14 days	9	10
ENT	14 days	9	185
Gastroenterology	14 days	79	148
General Medicine	N/A	73	162
Genetics	N/A	13	20
Geriatric Medicine	21 days	15	89
Gynaecology	20 days	97	130
Haematology	14 days	9	9
Hepatology	14 days	142	203
Immunology	N/A	9	18
Infectious Diseases	N/A	9	145
Lipid	N/A	9	11
Nephrology	N/A	9	19
Neurology	14 days	157	321
Neurophysiology	N/A	75	170
Neurosurgery	14 days	38	121
Ophthalmology – General	46 days	113	288
Ophthalmology – Cataract	N/A	40	160
Ophthalmology – Diabetic	N/A	9	46
Ophthalmology – Glaucoma	N/A	15	20

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Ophthalmology – Macular	N/A	Less than 9 weeks	9
Osteoporosis	N/A	16	39
Paed Allergy	N/A	16	199
Paed Cardiology	N/A	13	61
Paed Dermatology	14 days	15	133
Paed Endocrine	N/A	9	166
Paed ENT	14 days	14	115
Paed Feeding Clinic	N/A	9	9
Paed Gastroenterology	N/A	9	36
Paed Immunology	N/A	9	29
Paed Medical	14 days	13	113
Paed Metabolic	N/A	9	9
Paed Nephrology	14 days	9	43
Paed Neurodisability	N/A	9	9
Paed Neurology	14 days	15	56
Paed Neurosurgery	N/A	10	10
Paed Orthopaedic (RBHSC ONLY)	N/A	16	119
Paed Plastics	14 days	9	92
Paed Respiratory	N/A	9	9
Paed Surgery	14 days	10	151
Paed Urology	N/A	10	174
Pain Clinic	N/A	11	29
Regional Fertility	N/A	N/A	67
Respiratory	28 days	16	155
Rheumatology	N/A	350	381
Specialist Medicine	N/A	45	198
Thoracic Surgery	14 days	9	20
Upper GI Surgery	20 days	63	135
Urology	40 days	34	206
Vascular	14 days	16	259

Specialty	Body Area	URGENT Appointment (weeks)	ROUTINE Appointment (Weeks)
Orthopaedics	Back	15	93
	Shoulder	10	247
	Foot	9	178
	Upper Limb / Hand / Elbow	9	237
	Hip	12	135
	Knee	9	134
	Paeds	9	93
	Scoliosis	9	67

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Specialty area	SUSPECT CANCER/RED FLAG Appointment (days)	URGENT Appointment (weeks)	ROUTINE Appointment (weeks)
MRI	24 days	28	43
Neuro MRI	15 days	81	115
GA MRI adult	N/A	138	198
GA MRI paediatrics	N/A	9	71
CT Colonoscopy	14 days	9	9
CT cardiac	N/A	9	24
CT general	15 days	24	31
Non obstetric ultrasound	8 days	9	21
MSK ultrasound with injection	N/A	9	15

Notes:

- Longest waiting times indicated;
- Where waiting times are indicated as 9 weeks, they are less than or equal to 9 weeks.