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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – CERVICAL CANCER SCREENING

I write in response to your request for information in relation to cervical cancer screening.

Question:

1. What is the **median completed wait time** for patients who require a colposcopy following a routine cervical cancer screening exam, broken down by year from 2019 to 2025?
2. What is the **longest completed wait time** recorded for a patient who required a colposcopy following a routine cervical cancer screening exam, broken down by year from 2019 to 2025?
3. What is the **current median and longest ongoing wait** for patients who require a colposcopy following a routine cervical cancer screening exam.

Answer:

year	Values Count of Unique OP Waiting List Identifier	Q1 Average of Weeks Waiting	Q2 Max of Weeks Waiting	Q3 Average of Weeks Waiting	Q3 Max of Weeks Waiting
2019	2,296	8.8	71		
2020	1,959	11.3	52		
2021	2,938	7.4	35		
2022	2,793	5.6	47		
2023	2,996	11.4	112		
2024	2,719	24.6	68		
2025	1,359	17.7	53	21.5	52
Total	17,060	12.0	112	21.4	52

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I hope the information provided helps with your request.

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If you require a review of our decision to be carried out, please write to the FOI Reviewer at the email address at the head of this letter. The review will be undertaken by a Reviewer who was not involved in the original decision-making process.

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Yours sincerely

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