

Annual median waiting time for a first Orthodontic outpatient for patients under the age of 18, 2017 to 2023:

Appointment Year	Median Time from Referral to Attendance (Weeks)	
	Urgent Referral	Routine Referral
2017	8	87
2018	10	96
2019	11	36
2020	8	9
2021	18	51
2022	35	57
2023	4	17

Sources: Hospital Patient Administration System (Trakcare Reports BKG1A, WLS6B2 (until 26 May 2023); Maxims Report RF001 (from 26 May 2023))

Exclusions:

- Private patients
- Rejected referrals
- Referrals where patient Did Not Attend (DNA) / cancelled first appointment and treatment no longer required (either patient or hospital decision)