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**Requested**

The following questions relate exclusively to **acute stroke units** run by your trust. If you have more than one stroke unit within your trust, please answer each question separately for each unit and note clearly the name of the stroke unit each individual answer refers to.

1. How many stroke consultant vacancies were there in each of the following years? Please express your answer in terms of whole time equivalent.
  - 2017
  - 2018
  
2. What was the whole time equivalent for band 6 and 7 nurses per 10 stroke unit beds in each of the following years?
  - 2017
  - 2018
  
3. Did you offer a full time qualified psychologist in each of the follow years?
  - 2017
  - 2018
  
4. If yes, was one whole time equivalent (WTE) qualified clinical psychologist available for every 30 stroke unit beds in each of the following years?
  - 2017
  - 2018

**Response:**

1. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) has had no vacancies for stroke consultants within the 2017 and 2018 calendar years.
  
2. The UHB is unable to answer the exact question asked as it's ASU's do not have 10 beds. The UHB has therefore provided number of Whole Time Equivalent (WTE) employees the UHB requires to ASU beds along with the number of beds they service within the table below.

| <b>Calendar Year</b>              |             | <b>2017</b>   |               | <b>2018</b>   |               |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| <b>Hospital</b>                   | <b>Beds</b> | <b>Band 6</b> | <b>Band 7</b> | <b>Band 6</b> | <b>Band 7</b> |
| <b>Bronglais General Hospital</b> | 4           | 1             | 1             | 1             | 1             |
| <b>Glangwili General Hospital</b> | 4           | 2             | 1             | 2             | 1             |
| <b>Prince Philip Hospital</b>     | 5           | 1             | 1             | 1             | 1             |
| <b>Withybush General Hospital</b> | 4           | 1             | 1             | 2             | 1             |

3. The UHB does not have a Psychology service for stroke patients.
  
4. Please see response to question 3.