

Reference:	FOI.21144.26
Subject:	Adult therapeutic circumcision expenditure
Date of Request:	27 July 2026

Requested:

To ensure complete clarity and prevent administrative ambiguity, this request is restricted strictly to adult therapeutic circumcision (medically necessary surgical procedures for adult patients diagnosed with pathological conditions such as severe phimosis, balanitis, or lichen sclerosus). It explicitly excludes paediatric or children's surgery pathways, non-therapeutic/ritual procedures, and unrelated general urology sub-specialties.

The information sought is structured into the following specific questions:

1. Private Sector Outsourcing Expenditure:

- a. Over the last three financial years (2023–24, 2024–25, and 2025–26), has the Health Board commissioned or outsourced any adult therapeutic circumcision procedures to private independent sector healthcare providers?
- b. If yes, please provide the total annual expenditure broken down by financial year and the names of the private providers used.

2. Clinical Insourcing Initiatives:

- a. During the same three financial years (2023–24, 2024–25, and 2025–26), has the Health Board utilised external clinical insourcing teams (e.g., private companies or external locum teams operating within Board facilities during evenings or weekends) to perform adult therapeutic circumcisions?
- b. If yes, please provide the total annual expenditure and the names of the insourcing providers utilised.

3. Current Waiting List Metrics:

- a. What is the current total number of adult patients currently on the waiting list for therapeutic circumcision within the Health Board,
- b. and what is the longest recorded wait time currently on that list?

Response:

1 & 2. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) confirms that it has not insourced or outsourced adult therapeutic circumcision procedures, during the 2023/24 to 2025/26 financial years.

3a. The UHB confirms that there were one hundred and forty-seven (147) patients on the waiting list for an adult therapeutic circumcision procedure, as at 14 August 2026.

3b. The UHB confirms that the longest wait time recorded for an adult therapeutic circumcision procedure was ninety-nine (99) weeks, as at 14 August 2026.