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**Requested:**

1. How many qualified Assistant Practitioners are practising at present?
2. How many Trainee Assistant Practitioners are in training at present?
3. Which specialism/discipline is each AP trained/training to be employed within? (Radiography, Mental Health, General Health, Primary Care etc.)
4. Who are the education providers' for the Assistant Practitioner Course's in your Authority?

For clarity, qualification refers to holding a Level 5 Foundation Degree in Health and Social Care obtained at Higher Education (FdSc.)

**Response:**

The UHB does not hold the information exactly as requested; therefore, the UHB has provided information for questions 1, 2 and 3 as held on its Electronic Staff Record system (ESR) at the time of your request.

The UHB confirms it has 118 staff (Whole Time Equivalent 95.77) with the job role either of Assistant/Associate Practitioner or Assistant Practitioner Nursing recorded in ESR. Provided within the table below are the number of Assistant Practitioners identified, the directorates and the work area.

Directorate	Area	WTE
Carmarthenshire County	Community Health Services	4.00
Mental Health and Learning Disabilities	Community Mental Health	1.00
	Learning Disability Mental Health	2.00
	Occupational Therapy	6.60
Pembrokeshire County	Community Health Services	2.00
Planned Care	Operating Department	3.00
	Surgery	0.80
	Urology	1.00
Radiology	Clinical Radiology	3.71
Therapies	Dietetics	3.00
	Occupational Therapy	14.96
	Physiotherapy	14.98
	Speech and Language Therapy	11.45
Bronglais General Hospital - Unscheduled care	General Medicine	1.00
Glangwili General Hospital - Unscheduled care	Acute Medicine	5.20
Withybush General Hospital - Unscheduled care	Occupational Therapy	1.60
Women and Children	Health Visiting	1.00
	Paediatrics	12.48

Workforce and Organisational Development	Education	3.00
	Training	3.00

The UHB confirms the education provider is University of Wales, Swansea. The UHB's Assistant Practitioners undertake the Level 4 Certificate in Higher Education, not the Level 5 qualification, in order to be able to gain the role of the Assistant Practitioner in a variety of fields, e.g. Work Based Learning (WBL), clinical practice, community etc. Once in post they can then apply to do further education within their specified field but this is also not for the Level 5 qualification. There is an option to undertake the nursing degree either full time or part time.