

Reference:	FOI.6015.21
Subject:	Blood collection tubes
Date of Request:	14 May 2021

Requested:

1. How do you obtain blood collection tubes for liquid biopsies on cancer patients?
2. From what suppliers do you obtain these products?
3. Were these products purchased through a tender or framework? If so, which one? Please provide details including the name, reference and where this was published.
4. Are you under contract with your current supplier(s) for the above? If so, what is the start and end date of the contract?
5. Can you provide the name and contact details for the person(s) responsible for procuring these products?
6. Can you provide contact details for the department responsible for managing this service?

Response:

1. – 3. The information requested is already within the public domain and therefore, Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) has applied an Exemption under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA), as the information is accessible by another means. The All Wales Blood Collection Systems contract was procured by NHS Wales Shared Services Partnerships (NWSSP), the details of which are available on the Welsh Government's Sell2Wales website.

For ease of reference, please click on the attached link which will take you directly to the relevant webpage:

[View Notice - Sell2Wales \(gov.wales\)](#)

4. The UHB confirms that it is currently under contract with its suppliers. The start date of the contract was 1 April 2018, with an end date of 31 March 2022. However, a two (2) year extension period is being sought, which was provided as part of the original Contract Notice. If agreed, the end date of the contract will be extended to 31 March 2024.
5. The UHB confirms that Rachel Evans, Category Manager in NWSSP is responsible for the procurement and can be contacted at the following email address: Rachel.evans41@wales.nhs.uk
6. The UHB confirms that Dylan Jones, Blood Services Manager is responsible for managing the blood collection service and can be contacted at the following email address: Dylan.Jones2@wales.nhs.uk