

<b>Reference:</b>	FOI.2691.20
<b>Subject:</b>	Breastfeeding support
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**Requested:**

1. Did the Health Board commission a breastfeeding support service (including peer support) in the years 2014-2019? If so, please supply details, including budget (per year) and number of service users accessing the service for each of the years 2014-2019. Please attach a copy of the most recent service specification.
2. If breastfeeding support was not directly commissioned, did the Health Board provide funding for breastfeeding support in the years 2014-2019. If so who provided the service (eg health visiting /midwifery) and please supply details, including budget (per year) and number of service users accessing the service for each of the years 2014-2019.

If the Health Board did not commission a breastfeeding support service, did it fund breastfeeding support from lay breastfeeding supporters (non-health professionals), for example from professional breastfeeding counsellors, in the years 2014-2019? Please supply details, including budget (per year) and number of service users accessing the service for each of the years 2014-2019.

**Response:**

1. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) confirms a breastfeeding support service is provided in-house. From March 2018, breastfeeding support clinics have been provided once a week in the Midwife Led Units at Glangwili General Hospital (GGH) and Worthybush General Hospital (WGH).

Approximately one hundred (100) to two hundred (200) mothers access the support services at each hospital annually.

Between 2014 and 2019, the breastfeeding support service was provided by two (2) infant feeding co-ordinators and a lactation consultant for the two (2) clinics per week.

2. Not applicable.
3. The UHB confirms for the period requested, no funding has been provided for breastfeeding support services. Breastfeeding support groups across the three (3) counties have been led by unpaid counsellors and voluntary peer supporters and/or health visitors.