

Reference:	FOI.18824.25
Subject:	Cardiac Catheterisation procedures
Date of Request:	13 November 2025

Requested:

I am submitting this request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding specific cardiac procedures.

Additionally, if certain data points are not recorded in the exact format requested, I would welcome any alternative figures or insights.

1. Cardiac Catheterisation Laboratories (Cath labs) and their utilisation
 - a. What is the number of cath labs currently in operation within your organisation and the sites at which they are located.
 - b. In how many of these cath labs do you perform catheter-based valve interventions?
 - c. How many days per week are catheter-based valve interventions performed in each of these cath labs?
 - d. Any available data on utilisation of these facilities (e.g. number of sessions scheduled per week, or average percentage utilisation).
2. Cardiac Theatres (used for cardiac surgery)
 - a. What is the number and location of cardiac theatres in operation.
 - b. What is the total number of heart valve repair or replacement procedures (e.g. TAVI, TEER, sAVR or Bentall procedures) performed in both cath labs and cardiac theatres during the most recent full year for which you hold data.
3. Planning
 - a. How is the provision or planning of the following procedures managed within your jurisdiction for:
 - Transcatheter Aortic Valve Implantation (TAVI)
 - Transcatheter Edge-to-Edge Repair (TEER)
 - b. Are there any current or planned investments in cardiac catheterisation or cardiac surgical capacity (including infrastructure or workforce)?
 - c. What is the size of the population which is covered by your cardiac service provision?

Response:

1a. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) confirms that it has one (1) Catheterisation Laboratory (Cath Lab) in operation in Prince Philip Hospital (PPH). The UHB also has a mobile unit at Glangwili General Hospital (GGH) which is not currently in use.

1b. The UHB performs catheter-based valve interventions in the Cath Lab in PPH.

- 1c. The UHB confirms that catheter-based valve interventions are undertaken four (4) days per week, morning sessions only, as the space is shared with Radiology.
- 1d. The UHB confirms that it utilises the Cath Lab for an average of three and a quarter (3.25) sessions a week, which is approximately fourteen (14) scheduled sessions a month.
2. The UHB does not have any cardiac theatres and does not perform heart valve repair replacements. Patients requiring these procedures would be referred to either Swansea Bay University Health Board (SBUHB) or Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (CVUHB).
- 3a. UHB patients requiring the procedures requested would be referred to and treated in Morriston Hospital in SBUHB.
- 3b. The UHB does not have current or planned investments into Cardiac Catheterisation or Cardiac Surgical capacity.
- 3c. The UHB has applied an exemption under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA) as the information requested is already in the public domain and is accessible by another means. The UHBs population is available on the UHB's website and a link to the relevant webpage has been provided below.

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