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Requested:

1. I would like to know if the health board is permitted to provide care funding under “independent user trusts” as outlined in the Welsh CHC framework?
2. If independent user trusts have been utilised by the health board, how many people have been provided this within the local health board area?

Response:

1. Hywel Dda University Health Board does have the ability and permissions to consider whether an Independent User Trust (IUT) would be an appropriate mechanism to meet its responsibility to ensure somebody assessed as eligible for CHC and their support needs are met. However, work is ongoing across Wales to develop guidance for the implementation of IUTs, as they are not yet widely established in Wales. All Wales guidance is hoped to be in place by the end of 2025/26.
2. The UHB has not utilised this mechanism to provide care and support to date.