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Requested:

1. What is the total budget for dentistry, and did HDUHB underspend on the dental budget in the last financial year?
2. What is the total spend on Personal Dental Service (PDS)?
3. What is the detailed geography of the dental spend across HDUHB's service area?
4. Whether HDUHB have considered partnering with a university to provide a dental school in Pembrokeshire?

Response:

1. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) was allocated £22,137,000.00 from Welsh Government (WG) for General Dental Services (GDS) and Personal Dental Services (PDS) contracts for the 2024/25 financial year. The UHB had an underspend of £1,455,000.00.
2. The UHB confirms that the total spend on PDS was £4,053,000.00 for the 2024/25 financial year.
3. The UHB provides within the table below, the dental spend on GDS across the three (3) counties within its geographical area, during the 2024/25 financial year.

County	Spend
Carmarthenshire	£5,095,994.68
Ceredigion	£2,858,362.21
Pembrokeshire	£4,974,489.45

4. The UHB confirms that it has previously considered partnering with a university to provide a dental school in Pembrokeshire. However, there is no current plan in place as this would require a strategic direction from Welsh Government (WG) due to Capital and Revenue implications, and would require collaboration between the UHB, a University with a Dental School and the Local Authority.