

Reference:	FOI.18211.25
Subject:	Diabetes items in GP Surgeries
Date of Request:	26 August 2025

Requested:

1. I am writing to enquire whether all of your practice surgeries currently stock or display the following items:
 - a. Blood glucose monitoring kits
 - b. Urine dip test kits for ketone detection
 - c. A poster illustrating the “4 T’s” of Type 1 Diabetes (Toileting, Thirst, Tiredness, Thinning). These can be printed out or ordered through the following link - [The 4Ts Poster \(download only\) - Diabetes UK Shop](#)
2. If you do not, please may I ask why not?

Response:

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) does not hold the information for all GP Surgeries. With the exception of the Managed Practices, which are directly managed by the UHB, they are all managed independently. These GP Practices hold their own information and consequently, the UHB does not have access to all of the details you require. Therefore, this information would need to be requested directly from the individual GP Practices. The names and addresses of each GP Surgery within the UHB’s geographical area has been provided at Attachment 1.

However, whilst operating in accordance with the Section 45 Freedom of Information Code of Practice, the UHB has a duty to provide advice and assistance and provides below the information it holds for its six (6) Managed GP practices; Ashgrove Medical Centre, Meddygfa Minafon, Neyland and Johnston Surgery, Meddygfa Penrhyn, Meddygfa Sarn and Tenby Surgery.

1. The UHB provides the information requested within the table below:

Managed GP Practice	a. Blood glucose monitoring kits	b. Urine dip test kits	c. Posters displayed
Ashgrove Medical Centre	Yes	Yes	Yes
Meddygfa Minafon	Yes	Yes	No
Neyland and Johnston Surgery	Yes	Yes	Yes
Meddygfa Penrhyn	Yes	Yes	Yes
Meddygfa Sarn	Yes	Yes	Yes
Tenby Surgery	Yes	Yes	No

2. This is not a valid Freedom of Information request. The Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA) covers any recorded information that is held by a public authority; recorded information includes printed documents, computer files, letters, emails, photographs, and sound or video recordings. The FoIA does not cover information on estimates, opinions or recommendations. The UHB has an obligation to provide information already in recorded form but cannot create new information to answer a question.