

Reference:	FOI.18563.25
Subject:	Electrocardiogram (ECG) monitoring
Date of Request:	10 October 2025

Requested:

1. Do you provide funding, or plan to in the next financial year, for Ambulatory ECG monitoring to GP surgeries in primary care within your health board?
2. If so, who provides this service, is the service outsourced to an external company?
3. How was this procured?
4. Do you provide funding or plan too in the next financial year, for 12 Lead ECG services to GP surgeries in primary care within your health board?
5. If so, who provides this service, is the service outsourced to an external company?
6. How was this procured?
7. How many 12 Lead ECG tests are performed in primary care within your health board a year?
8. How many Ambulatory ECG Holter tests are performed in primary care within your health board a year?

Response:

1. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) does not currently provide funding for ambulatory ECG monitoring to GP surgeries in Primary Care, and it does not have plans to provide funding in the 2026/27 financial year.
2. & 3. Not applicable.
4. The UHB does not currently provide funding for 12-Lead ECG Services to GP surgeries in Primary Care, and it does not have plans to provide funding in the 2026/27 financial year.
5. - 7. Not applicable.
8. The UHB does not hold the information requested for GP Surgeries providing Primary Care. 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 information required. Therefore, further information would need to be requested directly from the individual GP Practices.

The names and addresses of the GP Practices within the UHB's geographical area is already within the public domain. Therefore, the UHB has applied an exemption under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA), as the information is accessible by another means.

The UHB has answered a similar Freedom of Information request FOI.18211.24 – Diabetes items in GP Surgeries along with Attachment 1 is available on the UHB's disclosure log. A link has been provided below, which will take you directly to the UHB's disclosure log webpage:

[Disclosure Log - Hywel Dda University Health Board \(nhs.wales\)](#)

The UHB can confirm that its Managed Practices did not undertake any Ambulatory ECG Holter tests, during the 2024/25 financial year. However, the UHB undertook sixteen thousand, six hundred and ninety-five 16,695 Ambulatory ECG Holter tests during the 2024/25 financial year. Of these, two thousand, two hundred and twenty-eight 2,228 were referred from Primary Care.