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Subject:	Enfys Rainbow hospitals
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Requested:

1. How many temporary so called Enfys Rainbow hospitals did you have in your area
2. Where were they
3. How long did it take to build or equip, and open its door
4. Were they fully staffed
5. How much did they cost to create
6. How much use were made of them ie bed use
7. Did staff shortages mean the hospitals could not be fully commissioned?
What happened to them? ie dismantled and when?
8. How much money did this provide to off set set up costs

Response:

1. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) confirms that there were nine (9) Ysbyty Enfys/Rainbow Field Hospitals across the UHB's geographical area, covering Carmarthenshire, Ceredigion and Pembrokeshire.
2. The UHB confirms that the nine (9) Ysbyty Enfys/Rainbow Field Hospitals were located at:
 - Cardigan Leisure Centre, Ceredigion
 - Penweddig Secondary School, Aberystwyth, Ceredigion
 - Plascrug Leisure Centre, Aberystwyth, Ceredigion
 - Carmarthen Leisure Centre, Carmarthenshire
 - Llanelli Leisure Centre, Carmarthenshire
 - Selwyn Samuel Centre, Llanelli, Carmarthenshire
 - Parc Y Scarlets Stadium, Llanelli, Carmarthenshire
 - Parc Y Scarlets Barn, Llanelli, Carmarthenshire
 - Bluestone Resort, Narberth, Pembrokeshire
3. The UHB confirms that construction work commenced in March 2020 and the nine (9) Field Hospital facilities were commissioned and placed in a state of hibernation before the end of April 2020.

The following table lists the dates that the Ysbyty Enfys/ Rainbow Field Hospital sites saw operational patient activity:

Ysbyty Enfys Rainbow/Field Hospitals	Date operational
Carmarthen Leisure Centre	June 2020
Selwyn Samuel Centre	November 2020
Bluestone	December 2020
Cardigan Leisure Centre	Used as a testing and vaccination centre from November 2020
Others	Five (5) commissioned and placed in hibernation. These were never moved into or used for patient care. However, they may have seen alternative use as a part of the wider support function.

- The UHB confirms that during the period the Field Hospitals were operational, from June 2020 to May 2021, of the 597 shifts (day and night shifts) recorded across the three (3) hospitals, the nurse staffing level was maintained for 547 of those shifts. Of the remaining 50 shifts, where the nurse staffing level was not maintained, the records state that the number of nurses on duty was still appropriate to meet the needs of the patients on forty six (46) of those shifts. For the other four (4) shifts, actions would have been taken to mitigate any identified risks.
- As this information is already within the public domain, 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.3310.20 - Spend on Field Hospitals, which is available on our disclosure log.

For ease of reference please click on the attached link, which will take you directly to the UHB's disclosure log webpage:

[Disclosure Log - Hywel Dda University Health Board \(nhs.wales\)](https://www.nhs.uk/disclosure-log)

- The UHB confirms that in total, the three (3) of the aforementioned sites, saw 5,367 bed days combined involving 381 admissions.
- The UHB confirms that staff shortages did mean that the hospitals could not be fully commissioned. However, it is important to note that the number of Field Hospitals developed was based on the level of projected activity, which in actuality was significantly less than predicted. The UHB provides within the table below, details of the key decommissioning dates for each of the Field Hospitals in the portfolio.

Field Hospital	Details
Cardigan Leisure Centre, Ceredigion	Used for a long period as a testing and Mass Vaccination Centre. Handed back to Ceredigion Local Authority (LA) in July 2021
Penweddig Secondary School, Ceredigion	Decommissioned and handed back to Ceredigion LA in July 2020
Plascrug Leisure Centre, Ceredigion	Decommissioned and handed back to Ceredigion LA in April 2021
Carmarthen Leisure Centre, Carmarthenshire	Decommissioned and handed back to Carmarthenshire LA in September 2020

Llanelli Leisure Centre, Carmarthenshire	Decommissioned and handed back to Carmarthenshire LA in September 2020
Selwyn Samuel Centre, Carmarthenshire	Decommissioned in June 2021; handed back to Llanelli Town Council on 29 April 2022
Parc Y Scarlets Stadium, Carmarthenshire	Decommissioned and handed back to the Scarlets Rugby Club in September 2020
Parc Y Scarlets Barn, Carmarthenshire	Decommissioned and handed back to the Scarlets Rugby Club in April 2021
Bluestone Resort, Pembrokeshire	Decommissioned and handed back to Bluestone Resorts Ltd in March 2021

8. The UHB did not generate any proceeds from the decommissioning of the Field Hospitals.