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Requested:

We request that you advise what arrangements and services Hywel Dda UHB has in place for transition from Paediatrics to adult services for people with epilepsy.

Response:

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) confirms that there are currently no transition clinics in place from Paediatrics to Adult Services for people with epilepsy. When adulthood is reached, a referral would be made into the Adult Services via the Paediatric Service or GP.

The UHB continues to work under the 'A Regional Collaboration for Health' (ARCH) project with Swansea Bay University Health Board (SBUHB) to improve epilepsy services.

The UHB's long term plans are to hold transition clinics with consultants, and a joint clinic with Adult and Paediatrics Services would be considered as the way forward. However, this can only happen with an increase in staff to properly facilitate this service, as it currently only has limited staffing within these areas with one (1) Adult Epilepsy Clinical Nurse and one (1) Paediatric Clinical Nurse Specialist who is new to the post and is developing the service.