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Subject:	Gender Team funding
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Requested:

1. I am requesting information on how the local gender team in in your health board is funded, and what budget they are allocated annually?
2. Is the local gender team's funding shared with other services?
3. Does this have an impact on the amount of patients that can be seen by the local gender teams?

Clarified

Yes, it relates to gender dysphoria, and patients from the Welsh Gender Service are normally handed over to the Local Gender Team to continue their care closer to home.

Response:

- 1 & 2. The UHB confirms that the Local Gender Team is a Secondary Care Service led by Dr Sam Rice, Consultant Physician and Endocrinologist, and forms part of the Endocrinology Service. Therefore, there is no separate or dedicated funding for this service, it is absorbed within the general Endocrinology budget.

Additionally, Primary Care commission two (2) Local Supplementary Services (LSS) within GP Practices across the UHB's geographical area, which operate under the direction of the Local Gender Team; namely, the Transgender Local Supplementary Service and the Administration of Hormone Therapy. The Primary Care LSS also fund a Gender Nurse Specialist who works one (1) day a week for the UHB's Local Gender Team, alongside the Endocrinology lead.

3. The UHB confirms the current structure does not have a direct impact on the number of patient's seen by the Local Gender Team as this service is delivered within the existing Endocrinology service. At present, the lead Endocrinologist undertakes three (3) gender clinics per month, each accommodating approximately ten (10) patients per clinic. All gender referrals received by the service are placed on the Endocrinology waiting list as routine cases.

Furthermore, the UHB confirms it 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 is unable to confirm their delivery of the LSS. 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.

Of the six (6) Managed Practices, the UHB can confirm only Ashgrove Medical Centre provides the Hormone Therapy LSS.