Reference:	FOI.21446 & 21447.26
Subject:	General Medical Services (GMS)
Date of Request:	24 and 25 August 2026

Requested:

FOI.21146

Welsh Government suggested you were the best people to contact at the Health Board to obtain GMS Access information for the two surgeries covering my ward please:
Tenby Surgery and Saundersfoot Medical Centre. Preferably for the last four years.

1. I understand that there is an annual return sent to Welsh Government at hss.performance@gov.wales, which I would like a copy of please.

2. Also, I understand the surgeries provide GMS access information monthly to the Health Board; please will you supply this too?

   Unfortunately, Tenby Surgery only keep the current month on public display and suggested I contact you. The Saundersfoot format varies month to month but, for instance, has not published the number of appointments monthly since January 2026. Please can you supply me all the information you have, preferably in spreadsheet format.

FOI.21447

I am trying to understand the information published in the Hywel Dda Annual Report 2025-26 on page 238. I hoped you or one of your colleagues could help me please?

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3. Analysis of gross operating costs

3.1 Expenditure on Primary Healthcare Services

	Cash limited £000	Non-cash limited £000	2025-26 Total £000	2024-25 Total £000
General Medical Services	88,385		88,385	90,992
Pharmaceutical Services	24,414	(7,114)	17,300	16,350
General Dental Services	21,658		21,658	21,280
General Ophthalmic Services	4,102	6,930	11,032	9,141
Other Primary Health Care expenditure	7,028		7,028	6,043
Prescribed drugs and appliances	93,493		93,493	87,700
Total	**239,080**	**(184)**	**238,896**	231,506

Return of excess funds from primary care contractors are included in the figures above

Included within other notes to the accounts			
Additional Primary Care Expenditure	Positive	0	0
Additional Primary Care Income	Negative	(2,419)	(2,499)
Overall total		**236,477**	229,007

General Medical Services includes £8.085m (2024/25: £7.750m) for managed practice staff costs.

3. It is the *"managed practice staff costs"* I am trying to understand. Am I right that the £8.085m is additional money HWUHB spends on the six managed practices is in addition to what it spends in all 47 practices for providing General Medical Services?

According to Stats Wales approximately 10% of 400,000 HDUHB patients are in managed practices (40,000) and 90% (360,000) in non-managed ones.

4. The £8 million a year extra spent on 40,000 patients would be an additional £200 per patient per year in a managed surgery, is that right?

   If I add the (highly simplified) assumption that the General Medical Services budget is allocated to practices in proportion to registered patient numbers then this is what follows:

Column 1	General Medical Services	Managed Practice Staff Costs	Total Spend	Annual Expenditure per Registered Patient
Directly Managed	£8,030,000	£8,085,000	£16,115,000	£403
Non-Managed	£72,270,000	£0	£72,270,000	£201
Total	£80,300,000	£8,085,000	£88,385,000	

5. Am I right that expenditure per registered patient is about twice as high in managed practices as it is in non-managed ones?

6. If not, what is the correct figure per patient in managed vs non-managed surgeries please?

Response:

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) does not hold the information for Saundersfoot Medical Centre, as they are an independent GP Practice and hold their own information. We therefore recommend that you direct your request to Saundersfoot Medical Centre, who should be able to help you further. Their contact details are as follows:

- Saundersfoot Medical Centre, Westfield Road, Saundersfoot, SA69 9JW.

However, the UHB can provide the information it holds in relation to Tenby Surgery as it is one of the UHB's Managed Practices.

1. The UHB does not hold the information requested as GP Practices in Wales hold contracts for the provision of GMS directly with Local Health Boards. Therefore, no annual returns are submitted to Welsh Government (WG).

2. The UHB provides the information it holds for Tenby Surgery within the attached spreadsheet as requested, at Attachment 1.

3. The UHB can confirm that the £8.085 million is not additional spend for the Managed Practices. The note provided identifies how much of the total spend is allocated to the Managed Practices.

4. & 5. The UHB can confirm that the £8 million a year, represents the expenditure associated with the six (6) Managed GP Practices, which is not additional funding. Therefore, it is not correct to describe this as an additional £200.00 per patient per year.

6. The annual expenditure on GMS as a whole was £88.385 million for the 2025/26 financial year, broken down as follows:
   GMS - £72.29 million
   Managed Practices - £8.9 million
   Out of Hours - £7.2 million

   Therefore, based on the expenditure and the patient list size as at 1 January 2026, the UHB provides within the table below, the spend per patient, during the 2025/26 financial year.

	Expenditure	List size	Spend per patient
GMS	£72.29 million	383,356	£188.57
Managed GP Practices	£8.9 million	43,937	£202.56