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Subject:	GP surgeries
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Requested:

1. Are you able to tell me how many GP surgeries have closed over the past 5 years in Carmarthenshire, Ceredigion and Pembrokeshire please? (Can we have their names please?)
2. How many surgeries are currently facing the possibility of closing? (Can you name them please?)
3. What are the main reasons behind the closures?

Response:

1. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) confirms that three (3) GP Practices within its geographical area, have closed since 2018, namely Teifi Surgery (Llandysul), Ashleigh Surgery (Cardigan) and Goodwick Surgery (UHB Managed Practice, North Pembrokeshire).

In each case, all patient registrations were transferred to a neighbouring practice as part of a process managed by the UHB. Additionally, Ferryside branch surgery (of Meddygfa Minafon, Kidwelly) has closed.

2. The UHB confirms that one (1) GP Practice within the UHB's geographical area is currently serving a contractual notice period, namely Solva Surgery, North Pembrokeshire. As at the date of your request, a statutory process was underway to determine how services would be delivered to the registered population. This has since been completed and the decision has been taken to take on Solva Surgery as a Managed Practice from 1 April 2023.
3. The UHB confirms that the issues driving the decision by a GP Practice to terminate its General Medical Services (GMS) Contract with the UHB differ in each circumstance. However, the most common themes include difficulties with recruitment and retention of GP Partners, retirements of GP Partners with no successors, failed attempts at amalgamating with other practices and sustainability issues stemming from the small scale of some practices.