

Reference:	FOI.14079.24
Subject:	Independent sector healthcare providers
Date of Request:	21 March 2024

Requested:

Please could you provide:

1. A list of the independent sector healthcare providers being used by the trust for elective care, what they are being used for and in what specialty, and how much the health board has spent on these in the past year.
2. A list of the independent sector healthcare providers being used by the trust for diagnostics, what they are being used for and in what specialty, and how much the health board has spent on these in the past year.
3. What efficiency targets have been set by your health board this year (24/25)? Please provide your cost improvement/ efficiency plans for 24/25. How specifically is the health board aiming to make these efficiencies? And which specialties will be the most affected?
4. What was the efficiency target set in 23-24, and did the health board meet this? If not, why not?

Response:

1. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) provides within the table below, the independent sector healthcare providers it has used for elective care, the specialty, and spend, during the 2023/24 financial year.

Provider	Specialty	Spend
BMI Healthcare	Urology	£80,000.00
Nuffield Health	Urology	£75,000.00
Practice Plus Group Hospitals Ltd	Urology	£95,000.00
Spa Medica	Ophthalmology	£298,000.00
BMI Healthcare	Trauma & Orthopaedic	£206,000.00
Practice Plus Group Hospitals Ltd	Trauma & Orthopaedic	£178,000.00
Medinet Clinical Services Ltd	Neurology	£230,000.00
Medinet Clinical Services Ltd	Cardiology	£184,179.00

2. The UHB provides within the table below, the independent sector healthcare providers it has used for diagnostics, the specialty, and spend, during the 2023/24 financial year.

Provider	Specialty	Spend
Everlight	Outsourcing for reporting	£2,350,000.00
InHealth	Insourcing for Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)	£160,000.00
Global	Insourcing for ultrasound	£50,000.00

3. The UHB does not hold all of the information requested, as it is currently in the process of assessing the level of savings for 2024/25. However, the UHB can confirm that its savings plan

requirement is £32.4 million for transformational and efficiency savings, for the 2024/25 financial year.

4. The UHB confirms that its savings plan requirement was £19.5 million for the 2023/24 financial year; this was achieved and was exceeded by £0.1 million.