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Subject:	NHS Direct payments
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Requested:

1. Since the National Health Service (Direct Payments) (Wales) Regulations 2026 came into force on April 1st, 2026, has the Health Board implemented a working scheme to allow patients to apply for and access direct payments?
2. How many people have successfully applied for and are accessing NHS Direct payments since the scheme was introduced on April 1st, 2026, according to your latest figures?

Response:

1. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) confirms it has implemented NHS Direct Payments for individuals eligible for Continuing Health Care (CHC).
2. The UHB confirms it has received twenty (20) requests for NHS Direct Payments. Twelve (12) have been successful and closed, with a further eight (8) currently being processed.