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<b>Subject:</b>	Osteoporosis Pathways
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**Requested:**

1. Does your organisation currently have an established osteoporosis clinical pathway, care pathway or equivalent in place (either independently or in collaboration with providers such as hospitals, community services, or primary care)?
2. If yes:
  - Please provide a copy of the osteoporosis pathway document (or the most recent version available).
  - Please confirm the date the pathway was last reviewed or updated.
3. If no pathway currently exists:
  - Please confirm whether your organisation has any plans to develop or adopt an osteoporosis pathway within the next 12 months.
  - If available, please provide details of any related initiatives, working groups, or regional coordination efforts in place for managing osteoporosis care.

**Response:**

1. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) confirms that it does have an Osteoporosis pathway within Primary Care. The UHB also has a Fracture Liaison Service (FLS) which commenced in September 2024, for patients over fifty (50) years of age who have suffered an appropriate fragility fracture.

Additionally, the UHB has a Specialist Osteoporosis Service within Secondary Care, offering all treatments including potent antiresorptive and anabolic therapies, in line with National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) guidance and the National Osteoporosis Guidelines Group (NOGG) 2024 Clinical Guideline for the Prevention and Treatment of Osteoporosis. For ease, links to the guidance have been provided below:

[Clinical Guideline for the Prevention and Treatment of Osteoporosis | Search results | NICE](#)

[NOGG-Guideline-2024.pdf](#)

2. The UHB provides a copy of its Community Health Pathway for Osteoporosis at Attachment 1.

The pathway is currently in the process of being updated at a national level in collaboration with Wales' National Clinical Lead for Falls and Fragility, to ensure alignment with the latest recommendations from NICE, NOGG, and the Quality Standard for Osteoporosis and Bone Health.
3. Not applicable.