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<b>Subject:</b>	Physician Associates
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**Requested:**

1. The total number of Physician Associates currently employed.
2. The number of times Physician Associates have prescribed medication to patients.
3. The number of incidents recorded where Physician Associates have incorrectly prescribed medication.
4. The number of times Physician Associates have requested ionising radiation for patients.
5. The number of incidents recorded involving ionising radiation on request of Physician Associates.

**Clarified**

For questions 2 to 5, could you please provide information for the last 3 years?

**Response:**

1. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) confirms that thirty-one (31) Physician Associates were employed, as at 31 January 2024.
2. & 3. The UHB does not hold the requested information, as Physician Associates do not prescribe medications.
4. & 5. The UHB does not hold the requested information, as Physician Associates do not make referrals for an x-ray, which is a form of ionising radiation.