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Subject:	Physician Associates
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Requested:

Freedom of Information Act 2000 request at 10/4/24:

1. How many physician associates are currently employed in your organisation?
 - a. If so, which departments do they work in?
2. How many physician associates are prescribers?
3. How many radiology requests have been made by physician associates?
4. Are physician associates involved in or out of hours on call rotas?
5. Are physician associates training/working in endoscopy? If so, do any manage gastrointestinal bleeds in, or out of hours?

Response:

1. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) confirms that thirty-two (32) Physician Associates were employed, as at 10 April 2024.
 - a. The UHB provides, within the table below, the departments that Physician Associates work within, as recorded on the UHB's Electronic Staff Record (ESR) system, as at 10 April 2024.

Department
Carmarthenshire County Management Team
Medical Workforce Development
General Surgery (Medical), Glangwili General Hospital (GGH)
Trauma & Orthopaedics, GGH
Minafon GP Practice
Ashgrove GP Practice
Hub Pacesetter, GGH
Medical Staff General Medicine, Bronglais General Hospital (BGH)
General Medicine, GGH
General Medicine, Prince Philip Hospital (PPH)
Medical Staff General Medicine, Withybush General Hospital (WGH)
Paediatrics, GGH

2. The UHB confirms that no Physician Associates are prescribers.
3. The UHB confirms that Physician Associates do not make radiology requests, as they are not professionally registered.
4. The UHB confirms that Physician Associates are not included in its in and Out of Hours departments on call rotas.

5. The UHB confirms that there are no Physician Associates currently working in or training in its Endoscopy Department. However, a Physician Associate in Gastroenterology will be commencing training in upper gastrointestinal (GI) endoscopies during September 2024.