

Reference:	FOI.14478.24
Subject:	Physician Associates
Date of Request:	22 May 2024

Requested:

Thank you so much for the information provided in FOI.14208.24.

Is it possible to indicate to which units/specialties these Physician Associates occupied at 10th April 2024?

Response:

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) confirms that a total of thirty two (32) Physician Associates (PAs) were working within the UHB's geographical area for Primary, Community and Secondary Care, as at 10 April 2024. A breakdown of the service/department they worked in is provided, within the table overleaf, as recorded on the Electronic Staff Record (ESR) system.

Where the figures in the table overleaf have been replaced with an asterisk (*), the UHB is unable to provide you with the exact number due to the low numbers (less than 5), as there is a potential risk of identifying individuals if this was disclosed. The UHB is therefore withholding this detail under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA).

This information is protected by the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA)/UK General Data Protection Regulations, as its disclosure would constitute unfair and unlawful processing and would be contrary to the principles and articles of the UK GDPR. This exemption is absolute and therefore, there is no requirement to apply the public interest test.

In reaching this decision, the DPA and UK GDPR define personal data as data that relates to a living individual who can be identified solely from that data or from that data and other information, which is in the possession of the data controller.

Service/department	Headcount
Carmarthenshire County Glangwili General Hospital (GGH)	*
Medical Workforce Development	7
General Surgery (Medical) - GGH	*
Trauma and Orthopaedics - GGH	*
Managed GP Practices - Primary Care	*
Respiratory Medicine - Prince Phillip General Hospital	*
General Medical Services - Hub Pacesetter GGH	*
General Medicine – Bronglais General Hospital	*
General Medicine – GGH	*
General Medicine – Prince Philip General Hospital	*
General Medicine – Wthybush General Hospital	9
Acute Children's Services, Paediatrics - GGH	*
Psychiatry, Mental Health & Learning Disabilities	*
Total	32

Please note:- the 7 PAs identified under Medical Workforce Development are within their first year of employment and routinely work across several service areas across the UHB, which are unable to be specifically identified.