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Subject:	Post COVID-19 services
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Requested:

1. Are you commissioning post-COVID services:
 - a. in hospital
 - or
 - b. in the community?
2. Can you describe these services?
3. How much have you spent on these services?
4. How many patients have accessed your post-COVID services?

Clarified:

With regard to Q1, to clarify:

- I mean 'post-COVID services' defined as services designed to treat patients with covid-19 who were *not* hospitalised with the virus and who have *not* necessarily had a positive test for covid-19.
- I mean 'commissioning' defined as planning, providing, and/ or funding clinical services designed to specifically treat the health needs of the cohort of patients defined above.
- Please provide information about any speciality treatment being provided for the cohort of patients as defined above.

Response:

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) confirms that it is not commissioning post COVID-19 services either in hospital or in the community. However, patients are able to access core services, which support rehabilitation and recovery from a range of conditions.

The UHB can confirm that at the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, community based virtual wards were implemented, monitoring patients respiratory symptoms at home by telephone reviews, virtual ward rounds, ensuring constant communication with a clear urgent pathway to hospital should a patient need admitting.

At present, virtual wards are available and are being led through the medical teams within the Acute Response Teams (ART), rather than GPs, as the number of patients requiring this service is very low. However, the UHB has the ability to escalate back to full service as required.