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Subject:	Pregnancy and miscarriage
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Requested:

1. How many early pregnancy units do you have within your health board? Please can you provide the opening times of those early pregnancy units?
2. Do you have any *dedicated* recurrent pregnancy-loss clinics or recurrent miscarriage clinics within your health board? If so, please can you give the number of clinics you have?
3. Do you have any *dedicated* pregnancy-loss clinics or miscarriage clinics (i.e. for non recurring losses) within your health board? If so, please can you give the number of clinics you have?
4. How many recorded miscarriages did your health board deal with in the year 2021 (January - December, inclusive)
5. How many recurrent miscarriages would an individual need to experience before being entitled to an investigation into the causes?

Response:

1. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) confirms that it has three (3) early pregnancy units in Bronglais General Hospital (BGH), Glangwili General Hospital (GGH) and Wthybush General Hospital (WGH), open Monday to Friday. It also has a central booking/triage telephone line open 8am to 4pm.

However, due to staffing issues the clinic in WGH has been relocated to GGH on a temporary basis until November 2022.

2. The UHB confirms that these services were temporality suspended due to the COVID-19 pandemic and are expected to restart in October 2022.

However, the UHB does have a nurse-led clinic for baseline investigations, including ultrasound scans, twice a month and dedicated Consultant slots for follow-up as and when required.

3. The UHB will be offering a nurse-led telephone follow up service, whereby patients will be provided with information and support following miscarriage, with the service set to commence in October 2022.
4. The UHB confirms that it recorded two hundred and eleven (211) miscarriages, during the 2021 calendar year.
5. The UHB confirms that the loss of two (2) sonographically proven pregnancies should trigger a referral for an investigation into the cause.