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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 recurrent miscarriages would an individual need to experience before being entitled to an investigation into the causes?
5. What mental health support do you offer for people affected by miscarriage?

**Response:**

1. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) confirms that it has two (2) early pregnancy units in two (2) of its acute hospitals. The service in Glangwili General Hospital (GGH) operates Monday to Friday, 8am to 4pm and the service in Bronglais General Hospital (BGH) operates Monday to Thursday, 8am to 4pm.
2. The UHB confirms that recurrent pregnancy-loss or recurrent miscarriage patients have started to be seen in the nurse led recurrent pregnancy loss clinics. A consultant led clinic is currently being developed and is expected to be in operation by the autumn of this year.
3. The UHB confirms that it does not have a dedicated pregnancy loss clinic for non-recurring losses; those women would be risk assessed and supported via the antenatal consultant led pathway.
4. The UHB confirms that the current criteria for referral is three (3) recurring losses prior to an investigation into the causes, such as scans. The service is currently looking at its capacity to support referrals following two (2) losses. The service also includes contact with lifestyle advice etc after one (1) loss.
5. The UHB confirms that all women are offered counselling. In Carmarthenshire, this is provided by the bereavement team, whereas in Pembrokeshire, women can be seen by the pregnancy loss nurse and in Ceredigion, support is given via the GP.