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Subject:	Private hospitals
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Requested:

Please see below three FOI's for response.

1. How many times have patients been sent by your health board to a private hospital or clinic for appointments and/or procedures in each of the last five years?
2. Broken down by clinical area, what is the cost in each of the last five years for sending your health board patients to private hospitals or clinics?
3. How many your health board hospitals, clinics and other facilities are currently in privately owned buildings with landlords, and what have the rental and associated costs been in each of the past five years?

Response:

1. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) provides, within the table overleaf, the number of UHB patients that have been outsourced to a private hospital or clinic for appointments and/or procedures, during the financial years 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22 and 2022/23 to 14 December 2022.

Financial year	Number outsourced
2018/19	2,960
2019/20	3,344
2020/21	233
2021/22	4,044
2022/23 to 14/12/22	1,154

2. The UHB provides, within the table below, the cost of outsourcing patients to private hospitals or clinics by clinical area, during the financial years 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22 and 2022/23 to 14 December 2022.

Clinical area	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23 to 14/12/22
Dermatology	£172,000.00	£131,980.00	£0.00	£312,464.00	£0.00
Ophthalmology	£2,146,000.00	£1,998,606.00	£268,193.00	£3,311,701.00	£1,191,337.00
Orthopaedics	£3,942,000.00	£1,210,210.00	£0.00	£1,632,489.00	£0.00
Urology	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£68,202.00	£0.00
Cardiac MRI	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£85,280.00	£0.00
Cardiology	£0.00	£40,910.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
General surgery	£0.00	£290,040.00	£0.00	£269,317.00	£0.00
Endoscopy	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£423,823.00	£0.00
Gynaecology	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£45,063.00	£0.00
Total	£6,260,000.00	£3,671,746.00	£268,193.00	£6,148,339.00	£1,191,337.00

3. The UHB provides, within the table below, the number of privately owned buildings with landlords which the UHB leases, together with the rental and associated costs, during the financial years 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22 and 2022/23 to 30 November 2022.

	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23 to 30/11/22
Number of leases	50	50	60	65	65
COVID response leases	0	0	10	7	7
Rental costs	£1,408,654.00	£1,614,617.00	£2,350,618.00	£2,599,265.00	£1,539,497.00

Please note:- All of the buildings leased are for all properties including temporary fixtures and car parks. Additionally, the periods provided differ to the information being recorded and collated from different systems.