

<b>Reference:</b>	FOI.7634.21
<b>Subject:</b>	Procedures of Limited Clinical Value and vasectomies
<b>Date of Request:</b>	6 December 2021

**Requested:**

1. Please can you provide a comprehensive list of the services that your Health Board is no longer providing on the NHS, often termed 'Procedures of Limited Clinical Values' or 'Commissioning Values'?
2. Please can you advise whether your Health Board is currently providing Vasectomies?
  - a. If there is still a Vasectomy service within your Health Board please can you provide information times on the current waiting period for an appointment?
  - b. Please can you advise how much the Health Board pays the individual surgeon per procedure?
  - c. Please provide the names of the Surgeon(s), Practice or contract holder for your vasectomy service?

**Response:**

1. Procedures of Limited Clinical Values or Commissioning Values are features of the NHS in England. As Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) is part of NHS Wales, it is an integrated Local Health Board responsible for the planning and provision of primary, community and in hospital services, based on the needs of the local community across three (3) counties. Therefore, the UHB provides the information it holds below.

The NHS Wales equivalent is 'Interventions Not Normally Undertaken' (INNU) and the UHB provides a copy of the 'Monitoring compliance with the Public Health Wales list of procedures and diagnoses entitled 'INNU' Procedure', at Attachment 1.

The procedure and list of interventions is currently under review, which will be amended and updated as a priority over the next three (3) months. The review has been delayed due to the ongoing pandemic.

Please note:- the interventions listed are not prohibited. They are interventions which should only be performed under certain circumstances, but in some instances, there are procedures listed which should not be undertaken due to limited evidence of clinical and/or cost effectiveness. The INNU list is appended at attachment 1, and details what arrangements need to be in place when the procedure is undertaken.

2. The UHB confirms that it does provide vasectomies.
  - a. The UHB confirms that the current waiting period for a vasectomy is eighty-six (86) weeks.
  - b. The UHB's Medical employees are paid in accordance with Medical and Dental (M&D) Terms and Conditions of Service and not remunerated per procedure.

- c. The UHB confirms that the Urology and General Surgery Services are led by a Service Delivery Manager (SDM), who ultimately reports to the Executive Director of Operations, and can be written to at the following hospital address:

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