

Reference:	FOI.12768.23
Subject:	Special Incontinence Nurses and incontinence supply
Date of Request:	27 September 2023

Requested:

1. How many, if any, Special Incontinence Nurses does your Health Board employ?
2. How many nappies are allocated to children with incontinence needs within your Health Board, or is this assessed on an individual case-by-case basis?

Response:

1. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) employs two (2) members of specialist incontinence staff within its adult services; a Continence Nurse and a Continence Advisor. No incontinence specific staff are employed within Paediatrics.
2. Prescriptions for nappies are requested on an individual basis by qualified clinical staff, such as Children's Disability Nurses, Health Visitors and School Nurses.

Whilst operating in accordance with the Section 45 Freedom of Information Code of Practice, the UHB has a duty to provide advice and assistance. Therefore, the UHB provides, within the table below, the number of nappies prescribed to children by the UHB's continence team, in each county, during the eight week period covering 29 August 2023 to 24 October 2023.

County	Number
Carmarthenshire	11,204
Ceredigion	2,348
Pembrokeshire	3,758