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Requested

Please provide a list of the hospitals within the remit of the Hywel Dda Health Board which have a Specialist Stroke Unit (by which we mean a stroke unit with a 24 hours a day/7 days a week available team with access to a scanner and operator capable of triage for thrombotic/haemorrhagic stroke identification and location, presence of readily available infusion products and neurologist on call and follow up care).

In respect of each Specialist Stroke Unit on the list that you provide, please include:

1. The address of the Stroke Unit;
2. Their emergency telephone number (or, where there is no such number available, a telephone number for the hospital switchboard on which the relevant Stroke Unit may be contacted); and
3. If the capability to use surgical techniques to remove some thromboses via catheter is available in the relevant Specialist Stroke Unit (or if only available in certain more specialised stroke units please identify the units where such techniques are available).

Please

Response:

1. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) has a specialist stroke unit based at each of its four acute hospital sites. The UHB has applied an exemption under section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to this part of your request as the information is readily accessible within the public domain.

The hospital addresses and switchboard phone numbers can be accessed via the following link:

<http://www.wales.nhs.uk/sitesplus/862/page/42912>

2. Please see response to question 1.
3. The UHB does not offer mechanical clot retrieval services. All patients requiring such treatment are referred to the University Hospital of Wales in Cardiff or The Walton Centre in Liverpool.