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Subject:	Spirometry
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Requested:

1. What proportion of GP practices are doing spirometry themselves for annual respiratory reviews?
2. What proportion of GP practices are doing spirometry themselves for breathless patients without a diagnosis?
3. What proportion of patients on asthma and COPD registers have spirometry documented in the last 3 years?

Response:

The UHB does not hold the information for all GP Surgeries, as with the exception of the Managed Practices, they are all managed independently. These GP Practices hold their own information and consequently, the UHB does not have access to all of the details you require. Therefore, this information would need to be requested directly from the individual GP Practices. Contact details for each of them can be found via the following link:

<http://www.wales.nhs.uk/sitesplus/862/directory/gps/>

However, the UHB has a duty under the Section 45 Freedom of Information Code of Practice to provide advice and assistance. The UHB has therefore provided the information requested for its four (4) managed practices, namely Meddyfga Minafon, Meddygfa'r Sarn, Tenby Surgery and Ash Grove Surgery.

1. 75% of the UHB's managed GP Practices have restarted Spirometry services post COVID. However, all of the practices have large backlogs.
2. 75% of the UHB's managed GP Practices offer Spirometry services for breathless patients without a diagnosis. Please note: all practices are able to refer into a mobile Spirometry hub service for diagnostic testing.
3. 6.8% of patients within the UHB's managed GP Practices that are registered on the Asthma and Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disorder registers have Spirometry documented within the last 3 years.