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1. How many health care support workers have become registered nurses via distance learning in the last 5 years?
2. What EU health/telemedicine projects are running in Withybush and Bronglais Hospitals?

Response:

1. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) has commenced a pilot scheme with the Open University supported by Health Education Improvement Wales (HEIW) to test the distance learning model of nurse education for our staff. The UHB currently has four members of staff on the programme.
Additionally, 13 Health Care Support Workers (HCSWs) have been part of the Grow Your Own programme through Swansea University on a part time basis.
2. Bronglais General Hospital (BGH) is the acute hub for the Mid Wales Telehealth Strategy which covers North Ceredigion, South Gwynedd and Powys. Discrete projects have been running in Cardiology for remote pacing, some outpatient virtual clinics, paediatric care and falls/care of the elderly. These projects will continue to expand and develop over the coming months.

Withybush General Hospital (WGH) does not currently have any telemedicine projects.