

Reference:	FOI.15148.24
Subject:	Stoma care support
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Requested:

1. Please provide the number of patients recorded as being under your care specifically for stoma care support, for the years 2023-2024.
2. Please confirm the number of staff who provide stoma care support (including stoma nurses and colorectal nurse specialists) both in hospital and in the community, for the years 2023-2024.
3. Please provide any current policies you have regarding ongoing stoma care support, what and how it is offered, following discharge

Response:

1. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) provides within the table below, the number of patients discharged that received stoma care support for a colostomy or Ileostomy, during the 2023 calendar year and the period 1 January to 24 September 2024.

Period	Number
1/1/23 to 1/12/23	190
1/1/24 to 24/9/24	119
Total	309

2. The UHB confirms that the current Colorectal nursing establishment has a Whole Time Equivalent (WTE) of 7.2, which covers the UHB's geographical area, Powys and the borders of Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board (BCUHB), up to Dolgellau. However, the Colorectal nursing service is not restricted to cancer only; it covers all aspects of lower gastrointestinal (GI) in addition to those that are requiring stomas for urological and gynaecological cancers.
3. The UHB does not hold any policies relating to ongoing stoma care support. However, the UHB can confirm that following stoma formation due to stomal changes, patients require three (3) Outpatient Department (OPD) appointments within a six (6) week time frame, which are either conducted in the hospital or at the patient's home, then are discharged on to a Patient Initiated Follow-Up (PIFU).