

Reference:	FOI.20069.26
Subject:	Surgical specialties in Glangwili General Hospital (GGH)
Date of Request:	31 March 2026

Requested:

Please provide the following information for Glangwili Hospital for the most recent complete 12-month period available (please state the exact start and end dates used). If your data are only available at health board level (not site level), please provide health board-level figures and state this explicitly.

Surgical specialties in scope

Please report data separately for each of the following specialties (use the exact labels below):

- Cardiothoracic Surgery
- General Surgery (including: breast, colorectal, endocrine, upper GI, lower GI, and transplant—kidney, liver, pancreas)
- Neurosurgery
- Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery
- ENT / Otolaryngology
- Paediatric Surgery
- Plastic Surgery
- Trauma & Orthopaedic Surgery
- Urology
- Vascular Surgery

If a specialty is not provided at your hospital site(s), please record 0 for that specialty and note “not provided”.

1. Workforce (headcount)

For each specialty listed above, please provide:

- a. Number of Consultant surgeons (substantive/headcount)
- b. Number of SAS surgeons (headcount) (i.e., Specialty Doctor and Specialist grades)

Please provide headcount (not WTE). If you can only provide WTE, please state that clearly.

2. Population served

Please provide the total population served by your hospital (the figure you use for planning/catchment), and specify the source/definition used (e.g., “ICS population”, “catchment population”, etc.).

3. Surgical admissions activity

Please provide the total number of admissions (elective + emergency combined) to all surgical specialties in scope (i.e., the combined total across the 10 specialties listed above) for the same 12-month period.

If your admissions data are recorded using a different specialty grouping, please map as closely as possible and explain any assumptions.

Response:

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) does not hold all the information requested as it does not perform surgeries for all the specialties requested.

Therefore, we recommend that you redirect these parts of your request to the Freedom of Information Teams at each Health Board. The relevant contact details have been provided in the table below.

Cardiothoracic Surgery	FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk or FOIA Team, Swansea Bay University Health Board, Health Board Headquarters, 1 Talbot Gateway, Port Talbot, SA12 7BR
Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery	
Plastic Surgery	
Neurosurgery	FOI.Requests@wales.nhs.uk or FOI Team, Cardiff and Vale University Health Board, Headquarters, University Hospital for Wales, Health Park, Cardiff, CF14 4XW.
Paediatric Surgery	
Transplant Surgery (kidney, liver, pancreas)	

1. The UHB is unable to provide the information exactly as requested, as the number of staff employed changes on a regular basis.

Therefore, the UHB provides within the table below, the headcount of Consultants and Specialty, Associate Specialist, and Specialist (SAS) doctors employed within the Medical and Dental (M&D) staff group, where the base is recorded as GGH, by specialty, as recorded on the UHB's Electronic Staff Record (ESR) system, at 1 April 2025 and 31 March 2026.

Pay grade	Specialty	1 April 2025	31 March 2026
Consultant	ENT	4	4
	General surgery	8	7
	Urology	4	3
	Dermatology	0	0
	Ophthalmology	5	5
	Trauma and Orthopaedics (T&O)	8	8
	Pain Management	0	0
Total		29	27
SAS doctor	ENT	9	7
	General surgery	6	7
	Urology	5	5
	Dermatology	1	1
	Ophthalmology	7	5
	Trauma and Orthopaedics (T&O)	6	6
	Pain Management	1	1
Total		35	32

2. The UHB has applied an exemption under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA) as the information requested is already in the public domain and is accessible by another means. The UHB's website provides population information on its 'About us' webpage. A link to the webpage has been provided overleaf:

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3. The UHB provides within the table below, the number of all elective and emergency admissions for the surgical specialties requested, during the 2025/26 financial year.

Specialty	Number
Cardiothoracic Surgery	0 – not provided
General Surgery	4,269
Neurosurgery	0 – not provided
Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery	0 – not provided
Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT)/ Otolaryngology	1,764
Paediatric Surgery	0 – not provided
Plastic Surgery	0 – not provided
T&O Surgery	2,170
Urology	3,051
Vascular Surgery	Included in General surgery
Total	11,254

Please note:- the procedures included in General Surgery are pancreatic, vascular, endocrinology, colorectal and upper and lower gastrointestinal (GI).