Reference:	FOI.17615.25
Subject:	Suturing policy
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Requested:

I require a copy of the Hywel Dda Trust policy on the clinical skills that nurses are permitted to practice within the trust. Specifically, I require the Hywel Dda policy on the basic practical skill of suturing.

Is there a specific policy that prevents suitably trained nursing staff from delivering this level of care within the hospital trust?

If there is no such policy, please could you confirm this to me.

Clarified

I only need the policy on suturing.

Response:

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) regrets to inform you that it does not hold a policy on suturing.

Suturing skills are usually undertaken by Emergency Nurse Practitioners/Advanced Nurse Practitioners and Midwives, as part of their additional training at Masters level within their programmes at university and are deemed as competent through this route.