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Requested:

Could you be so kind as to help me find some key information, regarding Urology, which I'm struggling to find on the websites.

For the Hywel Dda University Health Board:

1. What is the catchment volume.
2. How many urology surgeons & specialist nurses are there.
3. What facilities are available - e.g. TURPS, robotics etc.
4. Any information on wait times.

Response:

1. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) confirms that its catchment volume is 398,000.
2. The UHB's Urology Department has the following staff:
 - 5 substantive Consultants
 - 1 Locum Consultant.
 - 4 Specialist nurses
 - 2 nurses
 - 1 Clinical Support Worker
3. The UHB confirms that the following facilities are available across the UHB:
 - Transurethral Resection of Prostate (TURP)
 - Transurethral Resection of Bladder (TURB)
 - Urodynamics
 - Trial without Catheters
 - Cystoscopies
 - Bladder treatments (cancer related)
 - All stone procedures - Percutaneous Nephrolithotomy (PCNL), Extracorporeal Shock Wave Lithotripsy (ESWL), Ureteroscopy and laser
 - Prostate - Holmium and GreenLight laser surgery
 - Investigations – Multiparametric-magnetic resonance imaging (mp-MRI) prostate/fusion and template prostate biopsy

The UHB does not use Robotics.
4. The UHB provides, within the table below, the current waiting times in weeks, for urgent and routine urology treatment.

Urology treatment	Stage 1	Stage 2/3	Stage 4
Urgent	92 weeks	112 weeks	135 weeks
Routine	103 weeks	105 weeks	135 weeks