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The subject is - Urology. {AUR}

1. Which of the 4 main hospitals [Prince Phillip; Glangwili; Withybush; and Bronglais] have a Urology Department and carry out Prostrate procedures?
2. Do all these Hospitals Departments have resident Urology consultant, and if so, how many [I do not want names, just a number]
3. Do all these hospital Urology Departments have prostrate operating equipment? If so, what surgical equipment/ method [Rezum; Laser (green light or other);HoLEP; UroLift] and how many of each?
4. Giving a total number of pieces of equipment in this Trust of - ? (number).
5. Which Hospital carries out the most Prostrate procedures per week? and how many? How many procedures do the other hospitals carry out each week?
6. How many of the Consultants [number given above] carry out Prostrate operations for AUR/ATR? and at which Hospitals?
7. Is there a waiting list for AUR surgery? If so, how many patients? [I do not want names, just a number]. Where is this list and how is it managed? Is it available to the Patients?
8. Are these surgical procedures carried out in an Operating Theatre or in a Clean Room? How many rooms are made use of at each Hospital that carries out these various procedures?
9. What, if any, appears to be the “Bottle neck” in this process? [Staff (general); Staff (Specialised); Hospital beds (aftercare); Room/Theatre space to carry out procedure; Equipment; Finance)?

Response:

1. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) confirms that all four (4) of its acute hospitals, Bronglais General Hospital (BGH), Glangwili General Hospital (GGH), Prince Philip Hospital (PPH) and Withybush General Hospital (WGH) have a Urology Department that undertakes prostate procedures.
2. The UHB confirms that three (3) of the four acute (4) hospitals have resident Urology Consultants and provide the numbers at each hospital within the table below.

Hospital	Number
BGH	3
GGH	3
PPH	0

3. The UHB confirms that two (2) of its acute hospitals have prostate operating equipment. Transurethral Resection of the Prostate (TURP) and Green Light Laser (GLL) surgical equipment is used in PPH and TURP is used in GGH.
4. Please see response to question 3.
5. The UHB confirms that PPH undertake almost all prostate surgeries with approximately two (2) per week. One (1) small case is undertaken at GGH each week, alongside a Nephrectomy Urgent Suspected Cancer (USC) case, however, this is not always for Bladder Outlet Obstruction (BOO) surgery.
6. The UHB confirms that all seven (7) of its Urology Consultants carry out prostate surgeries for Acute Urinary Retention (AUR)/Ataxia Telangiectasia and Rad3-related (ATR). Most surgeries are undertaken at PPH with some undertaken at GGH.
7. The UHB confirms that it does have a waiting list for AUR surgery and currently has ninety-seven (97) patients that have been waiting between fifty-two (52) and one hundred and four (104) weeks. The waiting list is jointly managed by the central Urology waiting list team and the service management team. No, waiting lists are not available to patients.
8. The UHB confirms that prostate surgeries are undertaken in two (2) operating theatres; one (1) at PPH and one (1) at GGH.
9. The number of prostate procedures undertaken is limited due the dedication of lists for patients requiring diagnostics or surgery for Urgent Suspected Cancer (USC). The requirement to treat these patients within sixty-two (62) days means that USC cases are prioritised over non-USC cases resulting in longer waiting lists.