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Requested:

Who makes the decisions to put people on ventilators?

Response:

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) confirms that the decision to place a patient on a ventilator is made by the named Consultant responsible for the patient, with input from the Intensive Care/Anaesthetics Consultant. Consideration is also given to other relevant specialty advice, depending on the patient's acute clinical condition and any background co-morbidities and physiology. All decisions are made on the basis of the patient's clinical need, likely disease course and predicted outcome, and also on what is felt to be in the patient's best interest.