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Subject:	Water treatment
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Requested:

1. How old is the water treatment equipment used for the Sterile Services Department and Endoscope Reprocessor?
2. Are there any future plans to replace the water treatment plants for the Sterile Services Department or the Endoscope Reprocessor?
3. Who is the manufacturer of the current water treatment plant for the Sterile Services Department or the Endoscope Reprocessor?
4. Who currently maintains the water treatment plant for the Sterile Services Department or the Endoscope Reprocessor?

If you have more than one hospital site – could you kindly give me the above requested information for all hospitals within your group.

Response:

1. Hywel Dda University Health Board confirms that no water treatment equipment is used across the UHB's four (4) Sterile Services Departments.

The UHB provides, within the table below, the age and the year the Endoscope Reprocessors were installed, at each hospital.

Hospital	Age	Year installed
Bronglais General Hospital (BGH)	13 years	2009
Glangwili General Hospital (GGH)	6 years	2015
Prince Philip Hospital (PPH)	1 year	2021
Withybush General Hospital (WGH)	4 years	2018

2. Please see response to question 1 in relation to water treatment in its Sterile Services Departments.

The UHB confirms that it has no plans to replace the Endoscope Reprocessors in GGH, PPH and WGH. However, the UHB does plan to replace the Endoscope Reprocessors in BGH within the next three (3) years if funding becomes available.

3. Please see response to question 1 in relation to water treatment in its Sterile Services Departments.

The UHB provides, within the table below, the manufacturers of its Endoscope Reprocessors, at each hospital.

Hospital	Manufacturer
BGH	Wassenberg
GGH	Avidity Science
PPH	
WGH	

4. Please see response to question 1 in relation to water treatment in its Sterile Services Departments

The UHB confirms that its internal Estates Department currently maintains the Endoscope Reprocessors.