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Subject:	Wound care
Date of Request:	7 March 2025

Your request and our response

FOI Questions

Please complete all sections (1-5).

Each section is on a separate page to aid in completion by different departments if needed.

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) is unable to provide you with all of the information requested, as it is estimated that the cost of answering your request would exceed the “appropriate limit” as stated in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004. The “appropriate limit” represents the estimated cost of one person spending 18 hours (or 2½ working days) in determining whether the UHB holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information.

The UHB does not hold a central record of Vacuum Assisted Closure (VAC) or Negative Pressure Device/System therapy pumps lost or in need of repair. Therefore, in order to provide you with the information requested for question 4 section 3, the UHB would need to contact each service, ward and department across the UHB and request that they undertake an inventory audit, to identify any information that may fulfil this part of your request.

Additionally, the UHB is unable to complete the request in its entirety as the UHB would be required to contact several services and teams across the UHB including but not limited to Clinical Engineering, Community Nursing Teams for three (3) counties, Tissue Viability Service and Research and Development, for them collate all of the data required, which would exceed the 18 hours permitted under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA).

The UHB is therefore applying an exemption under Section 12 of the FoIA, which provides an exemption from a public authority’s obligation to comply with a request for information where the cost of compliance is estimated to exceed the appropriate limit.

However, under Section 16 of the FoIA, the UHB has a duty to provide advice and assistance. Therefore, the UHB provides the accessible information it holds below.

Trust Name: Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB)

1. Trust data

The UHB has provided the information within the table below for Carmarthenshire only, due to the ‘appropriate limit’ being reached.

Does the trust have a wound care clinic?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
If yes, which hospital/s in the trust are these located at?		
Llandybie Memorial Hall Trimsaran Leisure Centre		

Llwynhendy Surgery
Llandovery Community Hospital
Laugharne Surgery
Llynyfran Surgery
Cartref Cynnes Independent Living Centre

The UHB also provides community-based Leg Ulcer Clinics, across its three (3) counties; Carmarthenshire, Ceredigion and Pembrokeshire.

The UHB's Managed GP Practices provide basic dressings, including for some minor injuries, and some post-operative wound care.

Are these clinic specific clinics?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
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If yes, please list. e.g., Diabetic Foot Ulcer (DFU), Burns, acute surgical wounds etc.

Wound Management
Leg Ulcer clinics
Podiatry

How many patients are seen for wound care p.a?

Wound Management: 1,258 (April 2024 to February 2025)

Leg Ulcer Service: 2,400

How many surgeries does the trust perform per annum?

Not applicable

What are your surgical infection rates per annum?

Not applicable. However, community infection rates within the Leg Ulcer Clinic is currently: 1.9% (24/1,258) (April 2024 to February 2025)

Have you completed a recent wound care audit?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
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If yes, please supply the date.

- Hywel Dda – May 2024
- Pembrokeshire report – July 2024
- Amman Gwendraeth & Crosshands report – October 2024
- Carmarthen 3T – October 2024
- Llanelli report – October 2024

Could this please be attached?

The UHB has attached the above-named audit reports at Attachments 1 to 5.

Alternatively, please direct to where this can be found?

Not applicable

Are your wound care pathways publicly available?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
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Patients can self-refer to the District Nursing Teams for wound care management.

Referrals for Leg Ulcer Clinic are made by Primary Care Clinicians (GP's).

If yes, could this please be attached

A copy of a Patient Information: Your District Nursing Service has been provided at Attachment 6.

Alternatively, please direct to where this can be found?

Details on accessing the UHB's District Nursing Teams are available on the NHS 111 Wales website and the details for GP surgeries is available on the UHB's website .

The links have been provided below:

[District Nursing Team - Carmarthenshire](#)
[District Nursing Team - Ceredigion](#)
[District Nursing Team - Pembrokeshire](#)

[GP surgeries - Hywel Dda University Health Board](#)

2. Health Care Professionals (HCP)

The UHB does not record the specific job titles requested in a central location. Therefore, the UHB provides, within the table below, the staffing details that best match your request, as recorded on the UHB's Electronic Staff Record (ESR) system, as at 13 March 2025.

Please note:- additional Health Care Professionals (HCP) and Health Care Support Workers (HCSW) from other clinical areas may also work within the Wound Care Services provided across the UHB.

Wound care HCP	Number Permanently Employed	Salary Band	How many temp/locum district nurses, TVN or HCA's have been employed over the last 12 months.
How many district nurses are employed in the trust?	383	Bands 5, 6, 7 and 8A	0
How many Tissue Viability Nurse (TVN) are employed by the trust?	8	Band 6	0
How many community facing Health Care Assistants (HCA) are employed by the trust?	220	Bands 2, 3 and 4	0

3. Wound Care Products List

The attached list contains the most relevant products, we do not anticipate all these being used in your trust, please fill in accordingly and return with this questionnaire.

The product list has been attached in an excel file (see below) to aid with ease of completion, however this can be printed off and scanned or written up separately with the relevant information if preferred.



The UHB is applying an exemption under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA), as this information is already in the public domain and is accessible by another means. The UHB's Wound Dressing Formulary is available on the Inform Online Formulary website. For ease of reference, the link to the website has been provided below:

[Formulary](#)

4. Wound Care Products

How many Vacuum Assisted Closure (VAC) or Negative Pressure Device/System therapy pumps are owned/contracted e.g.,
Please add numbers below:

Negative Pressure devices		
Manufacture name	Product name	
<i>Convatec</i>	<i>Avelle pump</i>	
<i>Nexa Medical</i>	<i>NEXA NPWT Device</i>	
<i>KCI MEDICAL</i>	<i>Nanova therapy unit</i>	
<i>Smith & Nephew</i>	<i>Pico 7</i>	
<i>Smith & Nephew</i>	<i>Pico 14</i>	
<i>Creed Medical Ltd</i>	<i>UNO dressing kits</i>	
Smith and Nephew	Renasys Touch	52 in use

How much is the service contract amount per year?

The UHB does not hold this information. However, the contract was awarded on an All Wales basis. We therefore recommend that you redirect this part of your request to the Freedom of Information (Fol) Team in NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership (NWSSP). Contact details are as follows:-

shared.services@wales.nhs.uk or alternatively, you can contact: Information Governance Manager, 4-5 Charnwood Court, Heol Billingsley, Parc Nantgarw, Cardiff, CF15 7QZ.

How many of these are in repair/lost?

Section 12 exemption has been applied. However, under Section 16 of the FoIA, the UHB can confirm that two (2) devices have been logged as 'lost/unlocated'. The individual clinical teams advise Clinical Engineering if and when a repair is required.

If known, what is the cost of repair if not under a service contract?

The UHB has a recorded a quote from 2023 of £4,000.00 plus VAT for a physically damaged device.

What was the price paid per unit for a VAC/NPD?

The UHB has a recorded quote from 2020 of £6,889.82 plus VAT.

What is your annual spend on consumables for the VAC/NPD

The UHB's spend on Renasys consumables was £63,327.72 for last 12 months.

5. Trust Research and Development

How many wound related trials have you participated in over the last 5 years?

1

How many of those were commercially led trials?

0

How many of those were academic/internally led trials?

0

What is the average turnaround time for commercial R&D approval?

22 days