

Rydym yn croesawu gohebiaeth yn y Gymraeg neu'r Saesneg. Atebir gohebiaeth Gymraeg yn y Gymraeg, ac ni fydd hyn yn arwain at oedi. We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English. Welsh language correspondence will be replied to in Welsh, and this will not lead to a delay.

Cais Rhyddid Gwybodaeth / Freedom of Information request **Ein Cyf / Our Ref: 22-K-025**

Private facilities are used to supplement NHS capacity in order to offer patients treatment in a more timely manner.

Whilst consideration is made for the impact of unscheduled care pressures on our scheduled care systems, periods of exceptional pressure care can impact on the balance of the demand and capacity plans for scheduled care. This position is under constant review and where necessary (and possible) corrective action is taken to recover lost capacity. This can involve the use of outside providers as part of the recovery plans.

Therefore plans are scrutinised and internal solutions utilising our own workforce and facilities are maximised wherever possible before decisions to commission external capacity is approved.

You asked:

1. How many times have patients been sent by your health board to a private hospital or clinic for appointments and/or procedures in each of the last five years?

Please see below

2. Broken down by clinical area, what is the cost in each of the last five years for sending your health board patients to private hospitals or clinics?

Speciality	2018/19		2019/20	
	Episodes	Cost	Episodes	Cost
Cardiology	97	£748,781	0	0
ENT	80	£140,842	61	£114,641
Gastroenterology	1	£1,190	0	0
General Surgery	416	£963,740	283	£615,049



Ophthalmology	528	£710,498	333	£348,307
Oral Maxillofacial Surgery	0	0	10	£51,910
Plastic Surgery	159	£341,286	195	£324,563
Trauma & Orthopaedics	675	£3,868,446	602	£3,821,145
Urology	18	£8,820	11	£37,250
MRIs	0	0	0	0
Cardiac CTs and MRs	0	0	0	0
Endoscopy	0	0	0	0
Total	1,974	£6,783,603	1,495	£5,312,865

Speciality	2020/21		2021/22		2022/23 (Apr-Oct)	
	Episodes	Cost	Episodes	Cost	Episodes	Cost
Cardiology			0	0	0	0
ENT			0	0	0	0
Gastroenterology			0	0	0	0
General Surgery			121	£237,837	246	£362,960
Ophthalmology			869	£1,044,461	1,197	£1,026,081
Oral Maxillofacial Surgery			37	£171,390	208	£263,670
Plastic Surgery			93	£94,608	88	£85,984
Trauma & Orthopaedics			78	£311,951	117	£300,893
Urology			0	0	0	0
MRIs			259	£28,490	155	£17,266
Cardiac CTs and MRs			65	£31,200	161	£77,280
Endoscopy			0	0	562	£880,733
Total			1,522	£1,919,937	2,734	£3,014,867

3. How many your health board hospitals, clinics and other facilities are currently in privately owned buildings with landlords, and what have the rental and associated costs been in each of the past five years?

The Health Board leases 33 facilities from private landlords.

The rental and associated costs (i.e. rates) for the past 5 years are £7,584,505.64.

