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Cais Rhyddid Gwybodaeth / Freedom of Information request **Ein Cyf / Our Ref: 22-J-038**

You asked for information in relation to GP practices and spirometry testing:

Please note that due to national IPC regulations issued to primary care regarding the safe delivery of spirometry in General Practice settings during the Covid-19 pandemic, many practices were unable to deliver this investigation, within their premises since March 2020. SBUHB had been initially encouraging re-direction of referrals for spirometry to the hospital based respiratory department.

Over the last 12 months SBUHB has developed a centralised spirometry service in Swansea to ensure any patients experiencing extended waiting times for spirometry are offered prompt appointments for urgent and routine spirometry to either monitor or diagnose asthma or COPD. This has been a highly successful community based service model which has been well received by staff and patients. Over 1000 spirometry tests have now been completed within these additional clinics clearing any backlog and reducing waiting times for new patients to 2-4 weeks.

In addition, many practices are now re-starting spirometry service delivery within their practice complying with required IPC guidance.

1. What proportion of GP practices are doing spirometry themselves for annual respiratory reviews?

GPs are independent contractors. This information is not held by Swansea Bay Health Board. To obtain this information you would need to contact each individual GP practice. Our website provides contact details for all GP practices with their preferred contact route and links to their individual websites:

<https://sbuhb.nhs.wales/community-services/gps-dentists-pharmacies-etc/gps/>

2. What proportion of GP practices are doing spirometry themselves for breathless patients without a diagnosis?

See Q1.

3. What proportion of patients on asthma and COPD registers have spirometry documented in the last 3 years?

See Q1.

