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Dear Ms Finch-Saunders

### **Petition P-05-914 Equal Access to Health Care for the Disabled**

Thank you for your letter dated July 2020, received on 5th August by email in relation to the above petition.

In your letter you requested details of how many GP practices are in the BCUHB area, and the percentage of these practices which provide adjustable treatment beds and hoists for the use of disabled patients.

It is important that people with disabilities are not disadvantaged and can be appropriately examined where the need arises, and practices are reminded of this at least annually within their Clinical Governance assurance reporting. There are 102 GP practices in the BCUHB area, but the Health Board does not hold detailed information regarding the equipment held at each surgery, which is the responsibility of the independent GP contractor in question. Initial enquiries amongst senior GPs within the organisation, however, suggest that there would be very few, if any, practices with both a hoist and an adjustable examination couch although most practices generally have some adjustable examination couches. Where necessary individual GP practices are able to use the facilities within nearby community hospitals.

I hope that this adequately answers your query, but please do not hesitate to come back to me if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely

**Simon Dean**  
**Prif Weithredwr Dros Dro**  
**Interim Chief Executive**



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Ms Janet Finch-Saunders  
MS for Aberconwy  
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Dear Janet

Thank you for your letter dated July 2020 in relation to Petition P-05-914 Equal Access to Health Care for the Disabled.

Firstly can I say that I am pleased to see such an important issue being discussed by the committee as we are very cognisant of the issues of premature mortality in relation to people with disabilities and the contribution we need to make to ensure robust healthcare assessments to help reduce this. You asked that we provided details of how many GP practices are in our area, and the percentage of these practices which provide adjustable treatment beds and hoists for the use of disabled patients.

To date 41 out of the 52 practices have responded (79%) and we are following up on those yet to respond so we have the full picture locally.

The position at the moment is that out of those 41 practice, 88% do have an adjustable treatment beds, 2% have a hoist and 10% do not have a hoist or adjustable bed available so a good starting position for us. We will work with the practices without appropriate equipment to further improve this position so we have accessible primary care services.

If there is anything further you wish to discuss please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards.

Yours sincerely

**Dr Nick Lyons**  
**Prif Weithredwr Dros Dro/Acting Chief Executive**

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**P-05-914 Equal Access to Health Care for the Disabled,  
Correspondence - Aneurin Bevan University Health Board to Chair,  
08.09.20**

Dear Ms Finch-Saunders

**Petition P-05-914 Equal Access to Health Care for the Disabled**

Thank you for your letter outlining that the Petitions Committee had recently considered a petition and correspondence to the Minister for Health and Social Services and Equality and Human Rights Commission Wales with regard to the above and your request to Health Board with regard to how many GP practices are in our area, and the percentage of these practices which provide adjustable treatment beds and hoists for the use of disabled patients.

I should be grateful if you would find below, further to your request, a response from Aneurin Bevan University Health Board.

All practices in the Health Board area are required to be Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) compliant and the Health Board supports independent contractors to meet these regulations through schemes such as the Improvement Grant Scheme.

It has been assessed that it is not be practical for all practices in the Aneurin Bevan UHB area to have wide adjustable treatment couches or hoists, however, should a patient need access to these then the Health Board would facilitate this and provide support and access to equipment and services, when required, to support patients needing a consultation or treatment.

Currently the Health Board has 74 GP practices, of which:

- 4 practices have extra wide, adjustable couches
- 0 practices have hoist

I hope the above information is helpful for you. Should you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

*Judith*

**Judith Paget**  
**Prif Weithredwr / Chief Executive**



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Dear Mrs Finch-Saunders

**Re: Petition P-05-914 Equal Access to Health Care for the Disabled**

Thank you for your letter received on 5 August 2020, on behalf of the Petitions Committee in relation to the availability of equipment at GP practices to enable equal access to health care for disabled people.

Hywel Dda University Health Board does not hold a central record of this information and had to communicate with each one of its GP practices to source the requested information.

To date, only 40 of our 48 GP practices have responded to our request; please accept my apologies for this. The Health Board's Primary Care team is following up these enquiries with the outstanding practices and we will forward on additional information once received. However, I did not want to delay submitting our response, and I am providing the information requested for the 40 practices who responded.

The table below shows the number and percentage of practices within Hywel Dda who have adjustable beds available within their practices. Some practices have also advised that they have adjustable phlebotomy chairs within treatment rooms.

Equipment	Number of practices (40)	Percentage of practices
Adjustable beds/chairs	36	75%
Hoists	2	4%

I will be in contact upon receipt of further responses.

Yours sincerely

**Steve Moore**  
Chief Executive

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**22 September 2020**

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Dear Ms Finch-Saunders,

**Petition P-05-914 Equal Access to Health Care for the Disabled**

Thank you for your email on 5<sup>th</sup> August 2020 and please accept my apologies for the delay in my response. I can confirm that all 16 Medical practices in Powys have adjustable clinical couches without sides that can accommodate disabled patients. None of the practices within Powys currently have hoists that are available for use.

I hope this helpful. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any further information.

Yours sincerely

**Carol Shillabeer  
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