

**Gwybodaeth Ychwanegol at Gwestiynau Ysgrifenedig y Cynulliad
Information Further to Written Assembly Questions**

Cyhoeddir atebion yn yr iaith y'u darparwyd, gyda chyfieithiad Saesneg o atebion yn y Gymraeg.

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**Gwybodaeth ychwanegol at WAQ60688, WAQ60689 a WAQ60732 a gyhoeddwyd gan
Lesley Griffiths, y Gweinidog Iechyd a Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol, ar 16 Gorffennaf
2012**

**Information further to WAQ60688, WAQ60689 and WAQ60732, issued by Lesley
Griffiths, the Minister for Health and Social Services, on 16 July 2012**

At/To Andrew RT Davies:

You recently submitted the following three Written Assembly Questions on PIP breast implants.

How many procedures have been undertaken on the Welsh NHS since the Welsh Government's decision to remove PIP breast implants, and of these how many were not originally carried out on the Welsh NHS. (WAQ60688)

Will the Minister confirm the costs to the Welsh NHS of removing PIP breast implants, by a) overall cost to date and b) the cost to date of reversing procedures not originally undertaken by the NHS. (WAQ60689)

With reference to the Welsh Government's decision to carry out the removal of PIP breast implants on the Welsh NHS, what is the projected total number of procedures that will be carried out and what overall cost is envisaged. (WAQ60732)

I am sorry for the delay in responding, but am now able to provide you with the information you requested. As at 6 July, 293 patients had seen an NHS plastic surgeon, of which 24 have received urgent treatment having shown evidence of ruptured implants.

All patients are being treated on the basis of clinical need and in accordance with standard NHS referral to treatment requirements. The NHS in Wales has never used PIP breast implants and, therefore, all patients will have received their original treatment from a private provider.

The cost of the 24 cases operated on to date (including a first follow up 14 days post surgery) is £96,000. Other costs have been incurred by the remaining outpatients (including scans) which equates to a further £65,000.

In terms of the overall figures, the number of patients who will present for treatment is unlikely to exceed 500, with total costs estimated to be between £1.5m -£1.7m. However, the majority of these costs would have been incurred by the NHS, regardless of my decision to offer replacements for the women affected. The specific costs related to the replacing of the implants is estimated to be in the region on £550,000. All patients will be treated during the current financial year.

These are non-recurrent costs, which are being incurred to provide the women affected by the PIP scandal with the necessary treatment to ensure their safety and well-being. It also

provides patients with a more satisfactory clinical outcome than is available from the NHS in England.

This situation was caused as a result of a major fraud, and the Welsh Government moved swiftly to assist women who were either abandoned, or unable to have their clinical needs met, by their private sector provider. Officials are still investigating the possibility of seeking legal redress from the relevant private providers.

**Gwybodaeth ychwanegol at WAQ60707 a gyhoeddwyd gan Lesley Griffiths, y
Gweinidog Iechyd a Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol, ar 25 Gorffennaf 2012
Information further to WAQ60707, issued by Lesley Griffiths, the Minister for Health
and Social Services, on 25 July 2012**

At/To Kirsty Williams:

I am writing in response to your request for information in WAQ 60707:

‘How much has been spent on external advisory firms and consultants by the Department of Health and Social Services in each of the last 3 financial years for which figures are available’.

My officials have undertaken enquiries and reviews of the financial records held in respect of this question.

A response was provided on 2 May 2012 to WAQ 60161 ‘How much has each government department spent on external consultants in each of the previous three years’ which included data for the Department of Health, Social Services and Children as follows:

2009-10	£0.6m
2010-11	£0.3m
2011-12	-

This data does not however directly respond to your enquiry regarding ‘external advisory firms and consultants’.

The Department of Health, Social Services and Children holds extensive records of expenditure by individual supplier, but supplier records are not categorised as to whether they are ‘external advisory firms or consultants’. Expenditure with such suppliers could be recorded against a range of delivery activities such as policy advice, evaluation, legal advice etc. there is no specific ledger code dedicated to the recording of external advisory firm spend and consultancy services as outlined in your request.

Please provide further clarification of the precise information sought to enable my officials to make the necessary enquiries, after which I will write to you again with a response to your request.

**Gwybodaeth ychwanegol at WAQ60703 a gyhoeddwyd gan Lesley Griffiths, y
Gweinidog Iechyd a Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol, ar 08 Awst 2012
Information further to WAQ60703, issued by Lesley Griffiths, the Minister for Health
and Social Services, on 08 August 2012**

At/To Kirsty Williams:

Further to the response given to WAQ 60703, I agreed to write to you when I had further information. I have now received information from each individual Health Board.

WAQ60703-How many times in the last 12 months have hospital maternity units and A&E units been closed to new and non-emergency admissions in Wales, by individual hospital.

This information is not routinely collected by the Welsh Government. However, my officials have contacted each Health Board to gather the information.

No hospital Emergency Department has been closed to new and non-emergency admissions in the last 12 months. When units are under pressure, they work closely with neighbouring units, and some patients may be diverted to other units.

With regard to maternity unit closures, the information is summarised in the attached table.

Table 1: Number of Maternity unit closures in the last 12 months.

ABMU:

Date	Princess of Wales	Singleton
1/1/11-31/12/11	9	8
1/1/12-30/6/12	0	13

Aneurin Bevan:

The Health Board reports no closures to maternity units in the last 12 months.

BCU:

Date	Ysbyty Gwynedd	Ysbyty Glan Clwyd	Wrexham Maelor
1/1/11-31/12/11	1	5	5
1/1/12-30/6/12	0	5	6

Note: At no point did the whole service close, so there was never an occasion where a maternity service could not be provided to the women in North Wales.

Cardiff & Vale:

The Health Board reports the maternity unit has not closed in the last 12 months. A mum to be may be transferred to a neighbouring unit if she requires neonatal support, and the neonatal unit in Cardiff is full.

Cwm Taf:

Date	Royal Glamorgan	Prince Charles
1/7/11-31/12/11	2	0
1/1/12-30/6/12	2	0

Hywel Dda:

Date	West General	Wales	Withybush	Bronglais
1/1/11-31/12/11	62 hours		55 hours	469 hours
1/1/12-30/6/12	33 hours		6 hours	129 hours

Note: At Bronglais Hospital, there are no dedicated neonatal staff. Therefore, when there is an issue with a neonatal baby, the midwives have to deal with it. This has a knock-on effect for the maternity service in Bronglais.

Powys:

There are no maternity units in Powys.