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Dear Russell,

Thank you for your recent Written Questions asking me to provide a list of hospitals across Wales that have electric car charging points and measures I am taking to ensure that all hospitals across Wales have electric car charging points for visitors.

To date the focus has been on electrifying the fleet and pool cars for NHS organisations and making charging arrangements for them. The next step is to look at the appropriate provision for visitors. The table attached at Annex A is based on information from the health boards.

The NHS Wales Decarbonisation Strategic Delivery Plan which was launched in March 2021 includes key initiatives to increase the number of electric vehicle charging points on hospital sites across NHS Wales. As part of the targeted approach set out in the Decarbonisation Strategic Delivery Plan all NHS organisations are required to submit Decarbonisation Action Plans by the end of March. These will be scrutinised by the HSS Decarbonisation & Climate Change Programme Board that has been set up to manage and oversee the initiatives in the Strategic Delivery Plan. Electric vehicle charging points will be covered in those Action Plans.

Initiatives 14, 16 & 17 in the Decarbonisation Strategic Delivery plan refer specifically to electric vehicle charging points. There are no deadlines as the first two initiatives relate to new builds and refurbishments so will happen in conjunction with other work being undertaken.

- 14 Install electric vehicle charging points in new developments beyond minimum requirements, and future-proof new car parks by installing infrastructure to enable straightforward installation of future charging points.
- 16 Incorporate the principles of sustainable transportation into the design of new sites (in addition to electric vehicle infrastructure) in line with the Welsh Government's Active Travel Action Plan for Wales".

17 – NHS Shared Services Partnership (NWSSP) will work with Health Boards and Trusts to develop the best practice approach for electric vehicle (EV) charging technology, procurement, and car park space planning – this will include consideration of NHS Wales' own fleet, staff vehicles, and visitor EV charging.

Discussions are ongoing with colleagues across Welsh Government leading on the Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy for Wales and Action Plan. This is very high level at present and does not include numbers and proposed locations. Our aim is to reduce the number of vehicles that park at hospital sites of all types and to encourage sustainable and active travel particularly for visitors to hospital sites.

It is unclear at the moment how electric vehicle charging points will move forward. There is increasing evidence of more hubs providing fast charging points and major companies getting involved. If these hubs are plentiful or in close proximity you would not need electric vehicle charging points at the hospital for visitors. There are a range of questions that will need to be considered that will be closely aligned to the Welsh Government Electric Vehicle Strategy. Examples of this will include guaranteed use of the space for an electric vehicle on an already busy hospital site; length of stay; proximity to larger electric vehicle charging facilities; how far visitors travel i.e. catchment area etc.

The initial push has been to decarbonise fleet emissions and look at staff travel rather than visitors to the hospital sites. We recognise though that moving forward, electric vehicle car charging points will need to be looked at in the wider context and there may be statutory requirements that will need to be complied with.

Yours sincerely,

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## Annex A

Health Board	Site	Staff	Fleet	Visitors / Patients	Total
ABHB	Grange University	9	4	9	22
	Nevill Hall		4		4
	Royal Gwent	2		2	4
	Ysbyty Ystrad Fawr		4		4
	Ysbyty Aneurin Bevan				0
	St Cadoc's		4		4
BCUHB	Ysbyty Gwynedd		4		4
	Ysbyty Glan Clwyd		4		4
	Wrexham Maelor		12		12
C&V	UHW		14		14
	UHL		6		6
CTMUHB	Prince Charles		2		2
	Ysbyty Cym Cynon		2		2
	Ysbyty Cwm Rhondda		2		2
	Dewi St Health Park		2		2
	Princess of Wales		5+2		7
	Glan Rhyd		2		2
	Royal Glam	-	-	1	•
HDUHB	Prince Phillip		4		4
	Bronglais		4		4
	Glangwillii		4		4
	Withybush		4		4
Powys	Bronllys		1		1
	Brecon		5	5	10
	Machynlleth		5	5	10
SBUHB	Singleton		2		2
	Morriston		2		2
	Neath Port Talbot				
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