

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTHB_512_18

You asked:

1. What were the number of structural renovation / expansion projects carried out by the Health Board in:

- **2015/2016** – 14 projects either ongoing or completed in-year.
- **2016/2017** – 22 projects ongoing or completed in-year.

2. What are the number of structural renovation / expansion projects planned by the Health Board in:

- **2018/2019** – 18 projects either ongoing or completed in-year
- **2019/2020** – currently we have 10 projects which are either planned to commence in year (subject to funding) or will be ongoing from the previous years and will complete either in year or in the following year.

3. What are the nature of the renovation / expansion projects planned e.g. ward reconfiguration, hospital expansion etc.

The planned schemes are assumed to refer to those in question 2 as most others are complete. The planned schemes include one new build – The Macmillan NGS (National Garden Scheme) Specialist Palliative Care Unit at Royal Glamorgan Hospital. There are a number of significant internal refurbishment programmes across sites including the Royal Glamorgan Hospital, Prince Charles Hospital and the Dewi Sant Hospital site in Pontypridd; and a number of small refurbishment projects across Cwm Taf University Health Board.

4. How does the Health Board currently partition building works from wards / theatres etc.? E.g. dry walls / plastic linings. Is this managed by the Health Board or building contractors?

This depends on the use of adjoining areas, the works being carried out and the duration of the scheme. Generally either plastic or temporary partitions boarded (dry walls) are used; this is managed by contractors.

5. Are there any regulations pertaining to the partition of building areas from working areas within a hospital? E.g. fire regulations, infection control regulations.

The type of screening used will be dictated by the type of works being undertaken and the adjoining areas affected, with advice being sought from subject matter experts including the Health Board's Infection Control Team. Similarly, the location of the works and position in terms of the existing fire compartmentation and evacuation routes will dictate the level of fire protection required, with advice being sought from the Health Board's Fire Officer Team.