

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTHB_02_18

You asked:

Please could you provide me with the following information relating to telehealth innovation and development within the CCG and the local Foundation Trust/s.

Who at the CCG / Trust takes a lead in telehealth?

(an example would be home patient consultations based on the patient sharing information with the Healthcare Professional via email or remote cloud sharing)

Who at the CCG / Trust takes a lead in the use of smartphone apps to improve patient care?

(an example would be use of a smartphone to improve diabetes management)

Our response:

[Local Health Boards \(Wales\)](#) are bodies corporate in Wales established by the Welsh Ministers under s.11 of the National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006. There are no CCGs or Foundation Trusts in Wales. A [Local Health Board \(Wales\)](#) is responsible for:

- securing the provision of health care services for the residents within their respective areas
- The provision of health care services within their areas;
- The planning and provision of specialised and tertiary services are commissioned via joint committees such as for the Welsh Health Specialised Services Committee (WHSSC) and the Emergency Ambulance Services Committee.

[Cwm Taf University Health Board](#) has an Executive Director with responsibility for ICT, which includes telehealth and we also work closely with local partners through the [Cwm Taf Public Service Board](#) to provide services to residents.

Within the Cwm Taf University Health Board structure the lead for ICT matters such as telehealth and apps would be via the Digital Health Strategy Group, the membership includes ICT, clinical and other staff from across the Health Board.