

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_26_21

You asked:

Responses to historic Freedom of Information requests to the Welsh Government in relation to field hospitals have indicated on more than one occasion that further detail is available from individual Health Boards. I write to you in light of that advice.

The Welsh Government has stated that £166m was made available to set up 19 field hospitals across Wales. It has also confirmed the following sites and estimated bed numbers within your Health Board:

Vale WRU	-	270
Ty Trevithick	-	150
Ysbyty'r Seren	-	No bed numbers confirmed

In addition, within that funding envelope, it has been confirmed that arrangements were made with existing healthcare providers/facilities to access beds during the pandemic. The Welsh Government confirmed the following bed numbers for your Health Board:

Vale Hospital	-	27
Care Home/Community Beds	-	462

For each of the field hospital sites identified for your Health Board, please can you confirm the following:

1. The total cost incurred in setting up each site, irrespective of whether it was ultimately commissioned.

Please see attached Spreadsheet of costs reported to Welsh Government.

2. Indicate whether the site was indeed commissioned and if so, the number of beds that became operational.

Vale Site – not occupied and subsequently decommissioned
Bridgend Site – Available October 2020 remains operational – Ysbyty'r Seren had 213 beds when it initially became operational.

3. For those beds that became operational, please provide the total staffing costs incurred and indicate whether they are included in the response to question 1.

Please see attached spreadsheet of costs reported to Welsh Government.

4. For those beds that became operational, please provide the opening and closing date (unless they remain open), along with the number of patients treated during that time.

Bridgend Field Hospital became available for operation in October 2020 and remains occupied.

5. Where the beds remain open, please confirm the number of open beds along with the total cost incurred and patients treated up to 31st December 2021.

On 31st December 2021 there were 49 beds on the site – 419 patients had used the facility up to this time.

In terms of your arrangement with existing healthcare providers/facilities, can you please confirm the following:

6. The identity of the Care Homes accessed and the number of beds per Care Home.

Abergarw – 81 Beds

Marsh House – 60 beds

7. The total cost incurred in accessing these beds, at the Vale Hospital and each of the Care Homes.

Please see attached spreadsheet of costs reported to Welsh Government

8. The date when each arrangement started and when it ended unless it remains in place.

Abergarw – 30 Mar 2020 commenced – approximately August 2020 ended.

Marsh House – 30 Mar 2020 commenced - approximately August 2020 ended.

9. The number of patients treated through these arrangements.

Abergarw – 60 patients.

Marsh House – 23 patients.

10. Where the arrangement continues to be in place, please confirm number of open beds along with the total cost and patients treated up to 31st December 2021.

All sites have been decommissioned.