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Please find the response from Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board on behalf of the NHS Wales Joint Commissioning Committee (NWJCC) set out below:

You asked:

I would also like to submit this question to the committee:

Wales has seen a drastic increase in wait times for initiation of hormone treatments following a diagnosis of gender incongruence from the Welsh Gender Service. This wait is additional to their wait to be seen by the Welsh Gender Service and means some patients are on wait lists for four years before they can begin medication. Part of the cause for this wait is that funding is only provided for patients to begin their hormones through a Local Gender Team. These teams are currently over capacity and are unable to see new patients until current patients are discharged. A process that takes a year minimum.

- 1. I would like to ask if the JCC and the Local Health Boards have investigated the possibility of paying GPs who are enrolled in the Enhanced Service to provide initial hormone prescriptions following a diagnosis from the Welsh Gender Service?**

The NWJCC does not commission the prescribing of Hormones. The Welsh Directed Enhanced Services Schedule 1 for Hormone Treatment for Adult Patients with Gender Dysphoria /Incongruence makes provision for payment to GPs on a patient-by-patient basis. This follows assessment and optimisation of Treatment of no less than 12 months by the Welsh Gender Clinic and Local Intermediate Gender Teams.

- 2. If not, is this something that could be investigated with support from the Welsh Gender Service?**

This is not information that we hold.

- 3. Or does the JCC and Local Health Boards have any other plans to reduce these ballooning wait lists?**

Governance and monitoring arrangements sit at Health Board levels.