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I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 13th August 2021. Your request sought information relating to GP Practices.

- How many registered GP practices are there in your Local Health Board area, in August 2021?
 49 practices
- 2. Of these practices, how many are fully open for face-to-face appointments, in August 2021?

All practices are currently providing face to face appointments.

3. Of these practices, how many are still running online and telephone appointments?

Currently, Swansea Bay Health Board does not hold this information centrally. However, the annual review of practice activity in these areas is currently underway and this information will be available at the end of September 2021.

4. If possible, of these practices, how many are using telephone triage to assess patients before making an appointment?

In line with the requirements of the Access to In-house GMS Service Standards, as at 31st March 2021, all 49 practices self-reported as using a triaging system, however, we cannot confirm that this is by telephone.

5. If possible, the average time patients are waiting for a face-to-face appointment with their GP in August 2021?

I can confirm that Swansea Bay Health Board does not hold this information



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centrally. This information will be held by the individual practices – please contact them directly.

I hope this information is helpful. If you require anything further please contact us at FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk.

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Yours sincerely

On behalf of

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