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Dear [REDACTED],

I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 14th January 2022. Your request sought information relating to field hospitals.

Please note that although neither of our field hospitals were operationally commissioned to provide bed capacity, the Bay hospital has been functioning for other purposes since its opening. As well as operating as a long standing Mass Vaccination Centre since December 2020, the Bay field hospital is currently utilised for a number of purposes including the provision of a phlebotomy service and services to patients with Long Covid as well as being used for storage of additional PPE and other equipment used in the Covid response.

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:

Llandarcy Academy of Sport - 360

Bay Studios - 1080

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

Sancta Maria - 29



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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.**

Llandarcy Academy of Sport - £4,000,000.00

Bay Studios - £28,000,000.00

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

Neither hospital was operationally commissioned to provide bed capacity.

The Field Hospital design and model of care does not allow for similar levels of support to patients as can be provided in our existing hospital estate. Swansea Bay's local intention was only to use the field hospital facilities where there was a sustained threat to our ability to offer care in our existing hospitals due to rising numbers of cases.

There was a suggestion from modelling that this threshold would be approached in April 2020 (at the peak of the first wave) but that did not happen. There was concern that the threshold might be breached in late December 2020 and early January 2021 but the requirement to mobilise into the field hospital did not arise.

- 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.**

Not applicable.

- 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.**

Not applicable.

- 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.**

Not applicable.

In terms of your arrangement with Sancta Maria, can you please confirm the following:

- 6. The total cost incurred in accessing these beds.**

- 7. The date when this arrangement started and when it ended unless it remains in place.**

- 8. The number of patients treated through this arrangement.**

- 9. Where the arrangement continues to be in place, please confirm the total cost and patients treated up to 31st December 2021.**

I can confirm that Swansea Bay Health Board does not hold the information to answer these questions. The commissioning arrangements for the bed capacity at Sancta Maria Hospital were organised via the Welsh Health Specialised Services Committee (WHSSC). May I suggest that you contact their Freedom of Information team on



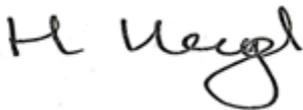
WHSSC.GeneralEnquiries@wales.nhs.uk who should be able to assist you with your enquiry.

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



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