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Field Hospitals

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

Site set up and maintenance costs for the Dragons Heart Hospital were £46.7m.

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

- The site was commissioned.
- 335 beds were made ready and operational by the 12th April. An additional 1,165 beds were made available by 28th April 2021. This made a total of 1,500 beds available if needed.
- An additional 500 beds were designed into the build but were not subsequently required.

- 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.**

The additional staffing costs incurred by the Health Board to support running the Dragons Heart Hospital was £0.4m. These costs are not included in the answer to Question 1. Please note that in many instances staff were redeployed from their existing roles to work in the Dragons Heart Hospital and those costs have not been separately identified and are, therefore, not included in the figure of £0.4m.

- 4. For those beds that became operational, please provide the opening and closing date, along with the number of patients treated during that time.**

Between 28th April 2020 and 4th June 2020, a total of 46 patients were admitted.

In terms of your arrangement with Spire, can you please confirm the following,

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

- Contracts for NHS external capacity were managed by the Welsh Health Specialised Services Committee (WHSSC).
- Cardiff and Vale UHB was recharged by WHSSC for the bed days utilised. These charges totalled £4.747m.





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6. The date when this arrangement started and when it ended unless it remains in place.

These charges apply to the period April 2020 to March 2021. We are not aware of extensive use of this capacity by Cardiff and Vale UHB residents after 31 March 2021.

7. The number of patients treated through this arrangement.

The contract framework was based on bed days utilised. The bed days utilised were 6,877.

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

Cardiff and Vale UHB does not hold the contract for emergency pandemic excess beds. We are not aware of extensive use of this capacity by Cardiff and Vale UHB residents after 31 March 2021.

