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Ein Cyf / Our Ref: 18086

Your Ref: Petition P-05-914 Equal Access to Health Care for the Disabled

Response sent by e-mail to the clerking team at [Petitions@Senedd.Wales](mailto:Petitions@Senedd.Wales) as requested.

Dear Ms Finch-Saunders

Further to my letter dated 7 April 2021, I can now confirm that the Primary Care Team has received responses from the forty-nine general medical practices (GPs) in Swansea Bay Health Board.

The data collected shows that 90% of GPs have an adjustable treatment bed that can be used by disabled patients. Twelve percent of practices confirm that this equipment is designed to accommodate bariatric patients. However, no GP practices have access to a hoist.

I would like to take this opportunity again to confirm that, from a clinical perspective, if a patient cannot adequately be assessed using the equipment available, then their medical practitioner has the ability to refer, either for advice or assessment as clinically indicated.

The Health Board will also consider providing adjustable treatment beds and hoists in practices at a cluster level either in the plans for new buildings or by future improvement grants at sites able to accommodate this equipment. I can confirm that we are already



looking to accommodate these facilities in new developments being taken forward in the Swansea Bay area.

I trust this provides a response to the questions raised.

Yours sincerely



**MARK HACKETT**  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

