

Freedom of Information Request	FOI 21-274-01	4 <sup>th</sup> August 2021
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**Can you clarify one response you supplied to my request regarding the strategy. You state that a vacant practice panel was convened on the 18 December 2020. Further that the panel recommendation was to advertise the practice list and you subsequently received three business cases and all were interviewed. The result of this being that one of these practices, The Usk Surgery, was allocated 1800 new patients. Did the business case presented by The Usk Surgery include the recruitment of any extra doctors, any extra administrative staff or in fact any proposal to enlarge the premises or use the vacant empty practice opposite? At present, in summertime, we are obliged to queue outside in fine weather and during summer storms. What is going to happen in winter, even if we are free of restrictions, the latter appears unlikely. What would you suggest, the loan of a marquee from one of the local pubs?**

Usk Surgery has expanded its administration team. Three of the existing administration staff from The Medical Centre transferred their employment to Usk Surgery and an additional staff member has been recruited. There are plans to recruit to a further member of the team.

There has been an increase of nine additional clinical sessions which is a combination of GP salaried sessions, clinical pharmacy and nursing hours. The practice is reconfiguring the premises to support additional consulting rooms.

Due to the social distancing measures currently in place, all practices are having to facilitate the number of patients that can be accommodated in their premises at any one time. Unfortunately, this does sometimes mean patients have to wait outside, however practices are doing their utmost to manage the situation.