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I don't understand why the health board doesn't have this information. I am aware of some GPs accepting shared care from a private diagnosis and some not.

1. Can you advise if a shared care agreement for prescriptions between a GP and private doctor is dependent on if an individual GP and if they personally agree?

Generally, there are no shared care agreements or Shared Care Protocols (SCPs) between private providers and GPs, as these agreements usually take place between NHS consultants and NHS GPs. In this scenario it would be at the discretion of the GP, as they take legal responsibility for signing a prescription.

2. Or is it at the discretion of the surgery or medical practice and not the individual doctor?

It would be at discretion of the GP as they take legal responsibility for signing a prescription. Please see link below to relevant guidance.

- All Wales Medicines Strategy Group (AWMSG) (February 2021)., Shared care Prescribing and Monitoring Guidance. Accessed: 16/01/2023.
Available from: <https://awttc.nhs.wales/files/guidelines-and-pils/shared-care-prescribing-and-monitoring-guidance-pdf/>
- All Wales Medicines Strategy Group (AWMSG) (February 2021)., Prescribing Dilemmas: A Guide for Prescribers. Accessed: 16/01/2023
Available from: <https://awttc.nhs.wales/files/guidelines-and-pils/prescribing-dilemmas-a-guide-for-prescribers-pdf2/>

3. Where can I find ABUHB policies and procedure on shared care between a GP and private doctor?

Please refer to Q1.