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**The start of COVID-19 pandemic has transformed all services including those for people with asthma, but I was wondering if you could confirm what proportion of GP surgeries employ asthma nurses in Aneurin Bevan UHB.**

The Health Board employs a team of Respiratory Specialist Nurses. Independent General Practices have respiratory clinics which are undertaken by either General Practice Nurses, Nurse Practitioners or Advanced Nurse Practitioners, each having individual levels of knowledge and skill in relation to respiratory care. Some nurses undertake the regular CPD activities that the Health Board provides, whilst other nurses complete online training which can range from unaccredited to level 7 Masters modules.

**Secondly, I was wondering what steps your health board will be taking to promote the new NHS Wales asthma app and encouraging patients and HCPs to use it.**

The Health Board are currently liaising with local newspapers, working closely with Respiratory Health implementation Group (RHIG), to advertise the Apps to residents. This will be a test Pilot for Wales in relation to the impact.

Communication has been distributed across primary and community care via the Deputy Medical Director's weekly message and via the intranet, however, this is something that we are looking to re-communicate soon. We are auditing the impact of all communication released as there is a portal to monitor the App upload.

The Apps are also included in training, education, academy, competence, and specialist nurse reviews/clinics.

We have a designated respiratory team employed to support primary care, supporting, and providing supervision to our health care professionals as required.

If you would like to discuss in more detail, or have any further suggestions regarding promotion of the app, Natalie Jones, Senior Nurse Primary Care Clinical Services, would be happy to help you.