

Freedom of Information Request	FOI 22-193	12 <sup>th</sup> May 2022
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**I write on behalf of my constituent Jenni Hathway to ask if the Health Board is taking part in the GBS3 clinical trial into group B Strep?**

**I'd appreciate you setting out the Health Board's position so that I can reply to my constituent.**

Aneurin Bevan University Health Board is not running the trial. The Health Board looked at the GBS3 trial in 2019, the Sponsor planned to open in 2020 but the trial was paused due to COVID-19.

The Health Board were unable to confirm capacity and capability as the trial requires ECM (enriched culture medium) testing for GBS swabs, and the Health Board does not have the facility to carry out this type of testing.

The sponsor has recently contacted the Health Board regarding participation and we are reviewing the protocol. However, our position is unlikely to change as on first read of the protocol ECM testing is still required.