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Dear

Reference - ATISN 18665 - Betsi Cadwaladr UHB Vascular Services

Thank you for your information request received on 29 June 2023. A response to your information request is provided below:

1. How many patients did you speak with?

We spoke with 15 patients.

2. Of those patients you spoke with, how many of these had their [sic] comments were included in the report?

All patient conversations were considered, and where appropriate, were summarised within the report.

3. How did you go about recruiting patients for this purpose?

We selected patients who were present onsite at the time of our fieldwork. These were patients who had received vascular surgery.

4. How many staff received the questionnaire?

HIW promoted the survey through our external facing website and corporate social media channels. We also produced and distributed a poster to be used by the health board across the vascular service to promote our survey. The survey may have been shared further by health board staff. It therefore not possible to report precisely how many staff received the questionnaire, however, we can confirm that we had a response rate of 21 staff to the questionnaire and a further 21 occasions where the questionnaire was accessed but not completed.

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Yours sincerely