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Dear Andrew,

Thank you for your recent Written Question asking how the number of medical school training places available in Wales has changed in the past five years

The Welsh Government is committed to providing the NHS the workforce it needs to meet ever increasing demand. We are achieving this through increased training places, encouraging young people to take up health professions and recruiting outside Wales when necessary.

Cardiff University:

Numbers have remained constant over the last 5 years with 289 Undergraduate places and 20 Graduate Entry Medicine (GEM) places, 309 in total.

The C21NW Programme (a collaboration between Cardiff and Bangor Universities) was introduced in 2019, with the final year of intake in 2023, in readiness for direct intake to commence into the North Wales Medical School at Bangor this September.

C21NW GEM	Students	C21NW 5 Year (Undergraduate)	Students	Total
2018/19	16	Year 2	7	23
2019/20	10	Year 3	0	10
2020/21	19	Year 4	5	24
2021/22	16	Year 5	1	17
Total	61	-	13	74

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Swansea University – Graduate Entry Medicine (GEM):

Year	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
Graduate Entry Medicine (GEM)	92	93	90	115	140

North Wales Medical School (Bangor University):

On 26 January 2023 the First Minister announced the Welsh Government would be funding up to 140 medical student placements each year at the new north Wales Medical School. Direct intake to Bangor will commence this Autumn with student numbers gradually increasing until reaching optimum capacity from 2029.

Yours sincerely,



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