

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTHB_262_16

You asked:

What is the availability of pathology testing services at the weekend in Cwm Taf hospitals or serving Cwm Taf hospitals.

For clarification, eg If someone is admitted on Saturday morning with a serious infection are there blood testing facilities available during the weekend. How does the service compare with that offered Monday to Friday.

Our response:

The Pathology Directorate service is available 24 hrs per day, 365 days per year with blood testing facilities available throughout. Full staffing is between the hours of 8am to 5pm and outside these hours staff rotate, working on a rota system. Patient care is not compromised on weekends, as like at week days, the laboratories have trained staff working. However, there are less staff working overnight and on weekends but the requirements are reduced as there are no clinics, less ward rounds and less samples from GP practices to be analysed.