

## **Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTHB\_431\_17**

### **You asked:**

- 1. How many patients residing in the local health board area have received mechanical thrombectomy in each of the last three calendar years (2014, 2015 and 2016) as well as so far this calendar year?**

2014 = 0

2015 = 0

2016 = 3

Thrombectomy Service only available in Cardiff and Vale University Health Board, 9-5 Monday to Friday reliably during 2016, and not currently available.

- 2. In which hospitals have these thrombectomies been undertaken?**

The University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff.

- 3. How many staff employed by the local health board are trained to undertake thrombectomies?**

None.

- 4. How many staff are currently being trained to undertake thrombectomies?**

None.

- 5. What plans does the health board have to increase the number of thrombectomies undertaken on stroke patients within the local area?**

The Health Board:

- Is considering the introduction of a protocol to perform computerised tomography (CT) Angiogram on appropriate patients to look for blocked vessel that would make patient suitable for thrombectomy.
- Is collaborating with All Wales Stroke Implementation Group to secure funding, training and recruitment to provide a 24/7 thrombectomy service for Wales.

- Has an agreed arrangement with Royal Stoke Hospital who provide 24/7 thrombectomy service until service is available in Wales.

**6. Does the health board have any commissioned arrangements to provide thrombectomy outside of the local health board? If so what is the arrangement?**

As above.

**7. Does the health board have any plans to deliver thrombectomy directly within the health board?**

No current plans.