

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTHB_286_18

You asked:

1. What is the current Parkinson's patient caseload for each clinic location across Cwm Taf UHB for:
 - a. Care of the Elderly (or equivalent department).
 - b. Neurology.
 - c. Parkinson's specialist nurse within the Care of the Elderly (or equivalent).
 - d. Parkinson's specialist nurse within neurology.
2. What are the current FTE hours, for each clinic location across Cwm Taf UHB, dedicated to Parkinson's clinics/ seeing Parkinson's patients for:
 - a. Consultants within the Care of the Elderly (or equivalent department).
 - b. Neurologists who see Parkinson's patients.
 - c. Parkinson's specialist nurses within the Care of the Elderly (or equivalent).
 - d. Parkinson's specialist nurses within neurology.
3. How many neurologists seeing patients with Parkinson's specialise in Parkinson's?
4. How many of the care of the elderly consultants seeing patients with Parkinson's specialise in Parkinson's?
5. How many Parkinson's patients from outside the Cwm Taf UHB health board are on the caseload of:
 - a. Consultants within the Care of the Elderly (or equivalent department).
 - b. Neurologists who see Parkinson's patients.
 - c. Parkinson's specialist nurse within the Care of the Elderly (or equivalent).
 - d. Parkinson's specialist nurse within neurology.

Our response:

1. At present the Health Board is unable to quantify the number of Parkinson's patients within the care of the elderly (COTE), neurology or specialist nursing services. The health board has recently started coding Parkinson's patients at both point of referral and through the follow up stages within the COTE service.
2. There are currently 3 dedicated Parkinson's clinics, 4 hours per session running throughout the week. The service is currently maintained by one

dedicated care of the elderly consultant. Two nurse led clinics run alongside the consultant clinics. These are also 4 hours per clinic session.

3. The University Hospital of Wales currently provides an outreach service to Cwm Taf University Health Board. There are no neurologists with a specific interest in Parkinson's disease.

4. It is sometimes difficult to identify Parkinson's patients at the point of new referral, as a result, Parkinson's patients may be seen in general medicine or care of the elderly clinics for their first appointment. Patients are then transferred to a dedicated Parkinson's clinic for follow up.

There are currently 5 general medicine / COTE consultants within the Health Board, one of which has a special interest in Parkinson's.

5. We are unable to determine at present how many Parkinson's patients from outside the health board are on the caseload of consultants within COTE, neurologist with a special interest, Parkinson's specialist nurse within the care of the elderly or of Parkinson's specialist nurse within neurology.

The lead Parkinson's consultant is working closely with GP leads currently to gain a detailed understanding of the number of Parkinson's patients visiting GP practices and working closely with patients within the community.