

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTHB_104_18

You asked:

I was hoping you could all give me a little insight into how hospitals in your jurisdiction are reimbursed for their provision of outpatient, inpatient, intensive care and A&E services and how NHS Wales allocates funds to your different healthboards.

In England, I understand they use clinical commissioning groups which reimburse hospitals using Payment by Results (PbR). Inpatient, ICU, outpatient and A&E all use units of care called healthcare resource groups (HRGs) which get underpinned by clinical codes (ICD & OPCS) and have a unit cost attached to them.

Do you operate a similar system?

Are hospitals reimbursed based on the number of units of healthcare they provide or is there some other measure used in order to allocate funding?

Our response:

Welsh Health Boards are both providers and commissioners of healthcare and the funding received from Welsh Government is to pay for healthcare for the residents of the Health Board.

Neighbouring Health Boards and English Clinical Commissioning Groups are charged for any treatments that are performed by Cwm Taf University Health Board (CTUHB) on their residents. Likewise, CTUHB are invoiced for any treatments that are carried out for their residents by other organisations.

'Payments by Results' is not used in Wales and charges are based on specialty costs for inpatients, daycases, outpatients, etc. Healthcare Resource Groups (HRG), clinical coding (Office of Population Censuses and Surveys - OPCS and the International Classification of Diseases - ICD) information supports these costs.

Should you wish more information about how funding is allocated by the Welsh Government to individual Health Boards the contact details are provided here: FreedomofInformationOfficer@wales.gsi.gov.uk .

Additional information can be accessed here:

<http://www.wales.nhs.uk/nhswalesaboutus/budgetcharges>