

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_203_20

You asked:

I am writing to request your assistance in gathering and providing the information below about the number of pharmacy students involved in NHS pharmacy services during the pandemic within your Health Board.

Information request

Since the lock-down in Wales on 23rd March, how many pharmacy undergraduate students have

- been employed or,
- have volunteered for work

to support the provision of pharmacy practice in each cluster of your Health Board?

Please include the headcount of individual students who have worked from 23rd March to the present date.

Definitions

- Pharmacy undergraduate students: Students enrolled at School of Pharmacy, working towards an MPharm degree which is accredited by the General Pharmaceutical Council (GPhC)
- Volunteered for work: includes unpaid work experience or unpaid vacation placements
- Pharmacy practice: supporting pharmacy service provision in a hospital, temporary field hospital or involved in supporting provision of any NHS services in community pharmacies.

Exclusions

- Do NOT include any Pre-registration Trainee Pharmacists or trainees undertaking an Overseas Pharmacists' Assessment Programme (OSPAP), registered with the GPhC.
- Do NOT include any students who is undertaking a pre-arranged university placement which is part of their university academic course studies.

Our response:

Since the lock-down in Wales on 23rd March, within the managed sector of Cwm Taf Morgannwg Health Board, no pharmacy undergraduate students have been employed and no pharmacy undergraduate students have been used on a voluntary basis, for unpaid work experience or unpaid vacation placements, to support the provision of pharmacy practice.

This is for the managed sector only, we do not hold that information for community pharmacy. Individual community pharmacy businesses within each cluster would need to be [contacted](#) to provide this information.