

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_181_20

You asked:

I would like the following information on the mental health unit at Royal Glamorgan Hospital.

1. Can you please list the medical conditions that physicians are able to diagnose if a person is admitted or seeking admission to the mental health unit.

All psychiatrists have a professional qualification that enables them to practice medicine. They are qualified medical doctors who have specialised in psychiatry. This qualification enables them to obtain a clinical history, obtain consent to treatments and undertake a physical examination.

All patients are reviewed following admission and their physical and mental health assessed. This is supported by the physicians and advance practitioners who will do blood tests and other investigations as indicated.

If a patient is assessed but does not require hospital admission for their mental health but do require some ongoing physical health care, they will be referred to their GP for ongoing care.

Should an in-patient require more detailed or specialist assessment then they will be referred to the relevant speciality. If patients are acutely unwell in respect of physical health and need to be admitted to hospital for that reason, then they are transferred to the general hospital where their mental health needs are supported by the mental health teams.

2. If you have documentation, such as a flow-chart or other means of performing diagnostics on patients who are admitted or seeking admission, I would be grateful.

Attached is the proforma used for every patient who is admitted to the Mental Health Unit at Royal Glamorgan Hospital.

3. If there is a procedure for people with existing diagnoses which might not be among these other diagnoses that permit admission I would be grateful to receive that also.

All patients are assessed on admission to establish their Mental and Physical Health needs. If a patient has a pre-existing condition then the patient is supported as required to manage this. If they have changing needs during admission, they are supported and cared for as described above.