

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_162_21

You asked:

- 1. Please can you inform me what risk assessments you have undertaken with regards to the significant risk should Health Visiting staff be redeployed?**

The "All Wales Health Visiting Specialist Community Public Health Nursing Team Standard Operational Procedure for Management of Caseloads during Periods of Reduced Staffing", was used to risk assess the impact of empty Health Visitor (HV) caseloads.

Impact of redeployment was also added to the Health Board Risk Register and risks mitigated as far as possible. This has been reviewed and updated as the situation has evolved and changed

- 2. Have your health board redeployed any health visitors during this phase of the pandemic, and can you outline your current staffing levels?**

In the Bridgend HV service, during the second wave of the pandemic, in the period between December 2020 to March 2021, 2 Specialist Community Public Health Nurses (SCPHN) Band 6 staff were redeployed to the Special Care Baby Unit at the Princess of Wales Hospital. 3 SCPHN Band 6 staff were redeployed to the mass vaccination centre in Ravenscourt Bridgend.

There were no redeployments of HV staff after January 2021 in the RCT and Merthyr Tydfil area.