

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_376_21

You asked:

- 1) Details of the NHS orthodontic providers with whom the Health Board have commissioned activity and the addresses of where the orthodontic activity is provided from (both within the Health Board's catchment area or outside it depending on the commissioned activity). I would like to know the details for NHS orthodontic provision within the General Dental Services (General Dental Practice), Orthodontic Specialist Practice, Community Dental Services, Secondary Care Orthodontic Services.**

Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board (CTM UHB) has a Personal Dental Services (PDS) Agreement to provide orthodontic activity from the following specialist practice within the Cwm Taf Morgannwg (CTM) boundary area -

Q Dental Care
Bridgend Orthodontic Centre
49 Merthyr Mawr Road
Bridgend
CF31 3NN

Historically patients from Rhondda Cynon Taf and Merthyr Tydfil areas have always been referred to the specialist orthodontic practices in Cardiff. Cardiff and Vale University Health Board has PDS Agreements for orthodontic activity with those practices.

CTM UHB also has contracts to provide orthodontic activity from 3 Dentists with Enhanced Skills in orthodontics and those dentists work with secondary care consultants and do not accept direct referrals from practices.

Northrose Ltd
11 Bridge St
Troedyrhiw
Merthyr Tydfil

Mountain Ash Dental Practice
60a Oxford St
Mountain Ash
Rhondda Cynon Taf

Brilliant Dental Practice
44 Talbot Rd
Talbot Green
Rhondda Cynon Taf

In the Community Dental Service (CDS) there are 2 orthodontic specialists (i.e. 1.2 whole time equivalents) providing treatment from 3 CDS clinics -

Keir Hardie Health Park
Aberdare Rd

Merthyr Tydfil

Dewi Sant Hospital
Albert Rd
Graig
Pontypridd
Rhondda Cynon Taf

Talbot Green CDS Clinic
Talbot Green Health Centre
Llantrisant
Pontyclun
Rhondda Cynon Taf

In secondary care there is 1 Consultant (0.9 whole time equivalent), 3 Specialist Trainees (1.29 whole time equivalents) and 2 Clinical Assistants (0.3 whole time equivalents). Also there is currently a vacancy for another Consultant (0.9 whole time equivalent)

2) For the Primary Dental Care Commissioned activity, I would like to know the amount of Orthodontic activity commissioned. As such, I would be grateful if you could provide the number of recurrent UOAs which are allocated to each contract. If there has been any non-recurrent orthodontic activity commissioned within the last three years with any of the providers, I would be grateful if you could also provide details of that as well.

The number of Units of Orthodontic Activity (UOAs) allocated to each contract have been withheld under Section 43 of the Act, as they are regarded as commercial in confidence and cannot be disclosed. The release of the information is likely to prejudice the commercial interests of any person (a person may be an individual, a company, the public authority itself or any other legal entity). Section 43 is a qualified exemption so is subject to the public interest test.

The commercial interests of the Health Board may be prejudiced if certain information relating to one contract were to become available to a counterparty in negotiations on a subsequent contract. Dentists or companies who are the signed contract holders are responsible for the delivery of dental services under the dental contract. Releasing the UOAs of the individual Dental Practices may risk destabilizing the practices that are named above and have a negative impact.

Therefore, in conclusion we feel that the public interest in withholding the information outweighs the public interest in releasing at this time.

However, to aid and assist you with your request we can confirm the total number of Units of Orthodontic Activity contracted in the GDS/PDS dental practices is 9,135 UOAs.