

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_54_22

You asked:

We request that you advise what arrangements and services Cwm Taf UHB has in place for transition from Paediatrics to adult services for people with epilepsy.

It is well known from the literature, and patient and parent reports that gaps in this area exist.

Our objective is to identifying gaps and shortfalls within the transition service from the data we receive with the view of having realistic proposal to put to the Boards to improve this service.

Our response:

For children with well-controlled epilepsy on single medication, their care is handed over to the GP following their 16th-17th birthday.

For children with poorly controlled epilepsy without severe learning (Intellectual) disability, they are referred to an adult neurologist following their 16th Birthday. The young person is seen in a Joint Transition clinic, with both Paediatric and Adult Consultants and an Epilepsy Nurse Specialist.

For children with severe intellectual disability and epilepsy, they are seen in a joint transition clinic, where the young person is seen jointly by the Adult Learning Disability (LD) Psychiatry Epilepsy Consultant, Disability team, Epilepsy Nurse Specialist and Paediatric Consultant. They are transitioned to Adult LD Psychiatry at/or around their 18th birthday and will have overlap of care for a year until they leave special school.