

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_235_22

You asked:

Could you please answer the following questions:

1. How many patients are currently registered with the Porthcawl Health Centre GP practice?

There are 15,620 patients registered at the practice.

2. How many GP's are currently working in the practice?

There are 12 GP working within Porthcawl Medical Centre.

3. Has the health board been consulted under the Bridgend LDP about plans to build a further 1100 houses within the town with regard to the impact of this population increase on existing health service.

The Health Board has been consulted with regards to the proposals in Bridgend LDP and are aware of the potential plans.

4. Has the board made any decisions about how it will deal with the extra people who will need to register with a GP locally? Assuming an average of four people per house, there could be upwards of 4,000 to 5,000 extra patients. Is that the figure you understand would have to be catered for?

Porthcawl Primary Care Centre was designed, at the outset, to accommodate expansion of services to reflect planned housing growth. The practice and the building has capacity to accommodate the potential increase to patient numbers.

5. How many NHS dental practices are there in Porthcawl?

There are 3 dental practices in Porthcawl.

6. How many patients are registered with them?

There is no patient registration in general dental practices like there is in GP practices, this ceased when the general dental service contract was introduced in 2006, therefore we are unable to provide an answer to this question.

7. Has any work been done on the expected impact on dental services from the increase in population which the extra planned houses will create?

There are plans to establish a new NHS dental practice within the Bridgend locality area, it is anticipated this will take in the region of 12-18 months to establish. The site of the practice is yet to be determined, the Health Board will consider LDP plans as part of this planning process. The Health Board is also currently developing plans for practices to hold additional contracts

to ensure patients in Bridgend can access NHS dental care, and to support this plan the Health Board will utilise the salaried community dental service clinics within the Bridgend area to support this work.

8. Can you give any details at all of what steps the board will take in relation to the expansion of all health services that will be needed in terms of other health professionals like practice nurses, district nurses, health visitors and others who may be called upon to provide services?

The impact of housing growth on wider primary and community teams is always taken into consideration into each department's annual planning process, the associated Intermediate Medium Term Plans and the development and refresh of the Health Board's primary care estates strategy.