

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_362

You asked:

In accordance with the FOI Act, could you please supply me with the following information?

For the first full week of **September 2022**, what was the % of the baseline recommendation of WTE consultants available to staff A&E department(s) within your health board area?

For clarity, the baselines as outlined by the Royal College of Emergency Medicine and figures should exclude the use of locums.

Our response:

Royal Glamorgan Hospital response:

Based on the RCEM guideline of 1 WTE Consultant to 3,600-4,000 new attendances we should have 18 WTE consultants based on 73098 attendances at the Royal Glamorgan Hospital in previous 12 months. During the first week of September 2022, we had 4.6 WTE consultants at the Royal Glamorgan Hospital.

Prince Charles Hospital response:

Based on the RCEM guideline of 1 WTE Emergency Medicine Consultant to 3,600-4,000 new attendances we should have 14.8 WTE consultants based on 59593 attendances at Prince Charles Hospital in previous 12 months. During the first week of September 2022, we had 7.5 WTE consultants at Prince Charles Hospital.

Princess of Wales Hospital response:

Essentially we are a small Emergency Department (<60K attendances), but only just and no recommendations from RCEM. However, we are just on lower limit of a medium sized department and therefore used that as our measurement.

Based on the RCEM guidance, during the first week in September 2022 we had 8.6 WTE consultants in post. Therefore, at that time the % of the baseline recommendation of WTE consultants at the Princess of Wales Hospital was 57%

The College has defined for the first time that this ratio should be 1 WTE Consultant to between 3,600-4,000 new attendances