

## **Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB\_155\_23**

### **You asked:**

#### **1. How many patients are registered with this practice?**

Under the GDS contract, no patient is registered at a practice. However we are aware that in 2019/20 10,487 patients, 2021/22 3,449 patients and 2022/23 4,836 patients were treated at the practice.

#### **2. Does the board know how many of these patients will wish to remain within the NHS and will therefore have to be allocated to another practice? If so, how many people are involved.**

No, the Health Board (HB) is not aware of this figure, the Health Board is currently writing to approximately 5,500 households with information on how to join the HB waiting list and/or access urgent care.

#### **3. This is the second NHS dental practice within the Bridgend area that I am aware of which has decided to go private. Can you tell me how many practices within the whole CTM area have decided to do this since 2020?**

Since 2020 there have been 4 practice closures across the HB footprint.

#### **4. How many patients are affected in total by these decisions?**

When these practices closed the number of patients that needed to find a new NHS dentist was in the region of 9,500.

#### **5. How will the board cater for the extra NHS patients needing to be accommodated? When I was last in touch, I was told that there were about 3,000 former Broadlands patients waiting to be transferred to other practices. What plans are you making to provide places for these additional patients in the Bridgend area who will now need to be re-allocated to different NHS practices?**

The same process will be followed. Practices will be offered additional funding in Bridgend if they have capacity to treat new patients and a new contract will be tendered so that a new practice can be established to replace the closing practice.

#### **6. You have mentioned the new dental practice which is due to open in Bridgend this summer. Is this practice going to be run by the board itself with dentists employed by you or will it be a practice owned and run by its partners?**

The practice will be run by independent dental contractors.

#### **7. If the former, has the board been able to work out how many patients will be able to be accommodated once it opens and have you recruited staff including qualified dentists to man this surgery?**

The new practice will have patients allocated in stages from the HB. The practice and HB will work together to understand the appropriate level of patients for the contract, this will be based on the oral health needs of the patients allocated. The HB is not responsible for the recruitment of dentists for this practice, as independent contractors this is the responsibility of the new contract owners

**8. If the latter, have the practice owners indicated how many patients they will be able to take and if their intention is for it remain within the NHS?**

Please see response above. The practice has been awarded an NHS Personal Dental Services (PDS) contract, initially for a period of for 10 years.