

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_81_24

You asked:

Under the Freedom of Information Act, we would like to request the answers to the below questions, in relation to your endoscopy services at the hospitals.

1) How many patients do you have on the endoscopy waiting list?

From week commencing the 15/01/2024 our total waiting list for our Cwm Taf Morgannwg (CTM) diagnostic patients was 1075 patients. Please note this figure will fluctuate on a daily basis.

2) What is the name of the endoscopy lead who oversees the endoscopy decisions?

This would depend on what hospital site and leads may change in the near future:

Princess of Wales – Dr Yapp

Royal Glamorgan – Dr Hurley

Prince Charles – Dr Neville

3) How many scopes are you processing per week?

On average across all sites we are delivering around 468 points per week.

4) Are you planning any refurbishments, decants or expansions to the endoscopy department to expand or improve the services this year?

Yes, we currently have a new unit being built at Prince Charles Hospital.

5) What are the typical issues you are experiencing within endoscopy services?

- Patients who don't attend their scheduled appointments
- Bowel prep issues (supply and failing to follow the instructions)
- Decontamination challenges
- Financial deficit
- Recruitment and retention

6) Have you ever used or considered using a mobile endoscopy unit and if so which one?

Yes, we currently have a mobile unit at the front of the Royal Glamorgan Hospital.

7) If you were to look at a mobile endoscopy unit, would you require staffing?

Currently the staff are provided to cover the mobile unit.

8) Do you currently use insourcing for your endoscopy lists and if so, who do you use?

Inhealth.

9) Do you have a contingency plan if you experience a disaster situation or the endoscopy unit is unusable?

There is an on-going South East Wales Regional Programme.