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You asked:

The Faculty of Pain Medicine of the Royal College of Anaesthetists is the professional body responsible for the training, assessment, practice and continuing professional development of specialist medical practitioners in the management of pain in the UK. We support a multi-disciplinary approach to pain management informed by evidence-based practice and research.

In the past two years, the General Medical Council has approved a Credential for Pain Medicine Specialists which will allow us to train more doctors from different specialities to become pain specialists. The Faculty of Pain Medicine is working with the Four Nations to ensure there is a sustainable workforce for the many patients who currently or in the future will need to see a pain specialist. We are trying to build a comprehensive directory of services that support patients with chronic pain across the Four Nations and would be very grateful for your help in this. Please complete the questions below with as much accuracy and detail as possible.

When we have completed data collection, we will build a Four Nation Directory of Pain Services which we will be open to public access on our website.

Please answer yes or no to the following questions:

1. In your integrated care or health board:

a) do you commission pain services in the community: Yes.

If yes, please name location/s: Kier Hardie Health Park, Ysbyty Cwm Cynon Community Hospital, Ysbyty Cwm Rhondda Community Hospital.

b) do you commission pain services in secondary care: Yes, procedure lists are undertaken on our acute sites, as well as some outpatient clinics. We also run acute on chronic service for inpatients at our acute sites.

If yes, please name location/s: Princess of Wales Hospital, Royal Glamorgan Hospital, Prince Charles Hospital.

c) do you commission pain services in tertiary care (highly specialised services): Yes.

If yes, please name location/s: A cohort of patients are referred to Cardiff and Value University Health Board for spinal cord stimulators. However, certain specialist services are provided within our own Health Board for example palliative cancer pain management. We also utilise services for rehabilitation at Rockwood Hospital.

d) do you commission alternative providers to provide pain services: Yes.

If yes, please name alternative providers and location of services: We have a service level agreement with Swansea Bay University Health Board.

e) Do you commission social prescribers: Yes

If yes, please state how many: We use the Wellness Improvement Service (WISE) operated by Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board and the Pain Management Programme in Velindre (Cardiff Pain Management Programme).

f) In the past three years have you decommissioned pain services in your region?

No.

If yes, please list decommissioned services? N/A.

If yes, are you commissioning alternative services such as Lifestyle Management or similar instead? N/A.

If yes, please provide details: N/A.