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## Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB\_272\_25

### You asked:

I am looking into neonatal and paediatric critical care pharmacy staffing levels. Please could you share:

#### **A. For each centre within your health board that provides neonatal care, please answer:**

##### **1. How many funded neonatal intensive care unit (ICU), neonatal high dependency unit (HDU) and special care baby unit (SCBU) cots are there?**

Prince Charles Hospital: ICU = 1, HDU = 4, SCBU cots =10

Princess of Wales Hospital: ICU = 0, HDU = 2, SCBU cots =8

##### **2. Does the centre have access to a senior pharmacist practising in neonatology at Agenda for Change (AFC) Band 8a or equivalent as a minimum?**

Yes.

##### **3. Does the centre have access to a senior pharmacist with experience in the provision of parenteral nutrition, where necessary?**

Yes, for basic standard premade neonatal PN bag service provided, i.e. acute/short term PN management experience. No bespoke service available.

##### **4. Do pharmacists working in neonatal care attend daily multidisciplinary ward rounds?**

Yes.

##### **5. How many pharmacists (whole time equivalent) working in neonatal care are active independent prescribers?**

None.

##### **6. Does the centre have access to medicines via the hospital dispensary 7 days a week, with regular stock top ups in accordance with demand, but no less than once a week?**

Yes.

##### **7. Does the centre have 5 day access to an aseptic and CIVA service where this is needed to provide bespoke parenteral nutrition or**

**where there is substantial use of high risk intravenous medications?**

N/A. Aseptic unit in CTMUHB not used for bespoke neonatal PN or any neonatal medicines.

**8. Does the centre provide a five day or seven day neonatal service? If this varies for different beds, please answer the below separately for each service.**

There is a 7 day neonatal service available on the two acute sites in CTMUHB, and pharmacy offer a 5 day ward based service.

**i. How many clinical pharmacists work in neonatal care (whole time equivalent), and at what AfC band?**

Princess of Wales Hospital: 0.3 WTE band 8a Pharmacist.

Prince Charles Hospital: 0.3WTE band 7 (8a annex 21) Pharmacist.

CTMUHB wide: band 8b Pharmacist oversight.

Training is also provided to band 6 and band 7 rotational Pharmacists.

**ii. How many ward-based pharmacy technicians work in the neonatal care (whole time equivalent)?**

None.

**B. Does your health board have a paediatric critical care unit?**

No. There is no critical care unit on any site offering paediatric care within CTMUHB.

**For each paediatric critical care unit within your trust, please answer:**

- 1. How many funded paediatric level 2 and level 3 critical care beds are in the unit?**
- 2. Does the unit have access to a senior pharmacist practising in paediatric critical care, funded at Agenda for Change (AFC) Band 8a or equivalent as a minimum?**
- 3. Do pharmacists working in paediatric critical care attend daily multidisciplinary ward rounds?**
- 4. How many pharmacists (whole time equivalent) in the unit are active independent prescribers?**
- 5. Does the unit have access to medicines via the hospital dispensary 7 days a week, with regular stock top ups in accordance with demand, but no less than once a week?**
- 6. Does the unit provide a five day or seven day service? If this varies for different beds, please answer the below separately for each service.**

**i. How many clinical pharmacists work in paediatric critical care (whole time equivalent), and at what AfC band?**

**ii. How many ward-based pharmacy technicians work in the unit (whole time equivalent)?**

N/A.