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Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_460_25

You asked:

I am writing to make a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. We would be grateful if you could provide me with:

1. The current waiting times for a first paediatric neurology or epilepsy appointment, for a patient referred today.

Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board as a whole has 59 patients waiting, with the current longest wait being 42 weeks with an allocated appointment and 26 weeks without an appointment.

2. The number of paediatric epilepsy specialist nurses currently employed full-time or part-time (FTE equivalent and total number of staff)

1.0 whole time equivalent (WTE) Band 7 Team Leader

1.0 WTE Band 6

2 0.6 WTE Band 6 one of which is currently vacant but out to advert.

3. The number of paediatric neurologists, consultant paediatricians, psychologists currently supporting the paediatric epilepsy service?

There are three Consultant Paediatricians supporting the service plus input from two tertiary Consultant Paediatricians who visit to support the service. We do not have dedicated Psychology provision for Paediatric Epilepsy. Children and young people are referred to the general Paediatric Psychology service. There is currently 0.7 wte Band 8c Consultant Psychology provision within the Paediatric team, plus a vacant 0.8 wte Band 8a post due to be filled in January 2026.

4. What is the caseload for each paediatric epilepsy specialist nurse?

Please see provided below the caseload for each paediatric epilepsy specialist nurse, by locality:

RCT - 300

Merthyr - 300

Bridgend - 170

5. What is the wait time for key diagnostic procedures, EEG telemetry or MRI?

RCT/Merthyr - Around 8 weeks, subject to anaesthetic scheduling if required.

Bridgend - MRI under GA 6 months, Non GA MRI 1 month or less (depending on urgency). There is currently no facilities for MRI between 3 months to 18 months age group.

6. How many children receive a new epilepsy diagnosis per year within the paediatric clinic?

50 newly diagnosed in last year across CTM.