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Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_234_26

You asked:

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000(FOIA) (or the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA), where applicable. Please treat this as a request for recorded information held by Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board.

This request is to understand publicly recorded information about headache/migraine service configuration and staffing to inform health system engagement planning. No commercial promotion is intended.

We are contacting the FOI/Information Governance function only for recorded information. We are not requesting any clinical advice or patient-level data.

To help you respond efficiently, I have set out the questions below and provided definitions. If any part of this request exceeds the appropriate cost limit or requires clarification, please advise how it may be refined to fall within the limit.

Definitions (for this request):

'Headache & migraine service' means any commissioned, hosted, or directly provided service/clinic (secondary care, community, or integrate) that offers assessment and/or ongoing management of headache disorders (including migraine) for adults and/or children, whether stand-alone or embedded within neurology/pain services.

'Clinical/service lead' means the named clinician responsible for clinical leadership of the headache/migraine service/pathway (e.g., consultant neurologist, GPwER, or other appointed lead).

'Workforce size' refers to staff who work within, or are formally allocated to, the headache/migraine service/pathway. Please provide both headcount and Whole Time Equivalent (WTE), where available.

Requested information (please answer for your organisation):

1. Service existence and configuration

(a) Does your NHS body host, or directly provide a dedicated headache and/or migraine service/clinic? If yes, please specify whether it is: dedicated headache clinic; migraine clinic; neurology clinic with dedicated headache sessions; community service; or other (please describe).

Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board does not operate a standalone dedicated headache or migraine clinic/service.

Headache and migraine assessment and treatment are provided as part of general neurology outpatient services, rather than via a discrete or separately commissioned headache/migraine service.

(b) Please provide the service name(s), provider organisation(s)/site(s), and patient group(s) served (adult, paediatric, or both).

Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board commission Neurological Services from Cardiff & Vale (C&V) and Swansea Bay (SB) University Health Boards (UHB) with Consultants providing outreach services to Cwm Taf Morgannwg (CTM) patients. Support is also provided within C&V and SB UHB's for patients with more complex needs/those who require specialist inpatient care.

Therefore, you may wish to redirect your request directly to:

Cardiff and Vale University Health Board - CAV.FOI.Requests@wales.nhs.uk

Swansea Bay University Health Board - FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk

2. Named clinical/service lead

(a) Please provide the name, job title, and employing organisation of the current named clinical/service lead for the headache/migraine service/pathway.

Please see response to Q1b.

(b) If there is no single named lead, please provide the name(s) and title(s) of the most senior clinician(s) responsible for headache/migraine care/pathway governance.

Please see response to Q1b.

3. Workforce size (headcount and WTE)

For the most recent 12-month period available (or the latest point-in-time establishment), please provide the staffing complement allocated to the headache/migraine service/pathway, broken down as follows:

(a) Nurses (including headache specialist nurses/ANPs) – headcount and WTE, and banding (e.g., Agenda for Change band) if recorded.

(b) Pharmacists (clinical pharmacists, prescribing pharmacists, medicines optimisation) – headcount and WTE, and banding/grade if recorded.

(c) Administrative/clerical staff – headcount and WTE, and banding/grade if recorded.

(d) Any other staff groups materially involved in the service (optional but helpful): consultants/medical staff, allied health professionals, psychologist, physician associates – headcount and WTE.

The Health Board does not hold this information. Please see responses to questions 1a and 1b.

4. Service capacity indicators (optional but helpful)

(a) Number of headache/migraine clinics/sessions delivered per week or per month (or annual total).

(b) Number of new and follow-up appointments for headache/migraine in the last 12 months (if recorded).

(c) Current waiting time for first appointment (e.g., median or RTT measure used locally) for headache/migraine referrals.

The Health Board does not record headache or migraine activity as a distinct service category within outpatient or performance reporting systems.

Please see response to questions 1a and 1b.