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A&E Staffing –Amended

Information Requested:

Please supply the following information:

- For the first full week of September 2021, what was the % of the baseline recommendation of WTE consultants available to staff A&E department(s) within your health board area, specifying a figure for each A&E department where applicable?

For clarity, the baselines as outlined by the Royal College of Emergency Medicine and figures should exclude the use of locums.

Response Details:

Please see the below table for the Emergency Medicine Department within Cardiff and Vale University Health Board.

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Funded Consultant establishment	32.60
Consultants in post @ Sept 21	24.42
% in post	75%

RCEM Workforce Recommendations 2018 state the following:

A department seeing >100,000 patients is classed as a large ED, >150,000 a very large ED; MTC classed as very large ED.

Recommends 1WTE Consultant per 3600-4000 patients. UHW sees more than 120,000 adult patients and is an MTC. The minimum requirement would be 30 WTE consultants based on this calculation. RCEM recommends 25-36 WTE for large ED.

The UHB is currently working towards staffing a 30-person rota, for us to deliver 24/7 consultant led care as per MTC recommendations.

At present there are 23 adult EM consultants.

Considering LTFT working, there are 18.8 WTE consultants.

There is funding for 6 additional posts, which are currently vacant as well as interviews pending for 3 more WTE.

