

Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference FoI/22/517
School Nurses

I should like to request the following information about the commissioned provision of school nurses in Vale of Glamorgan, which falls within the geographical remit of your organisation. I would like to know this information to understand better the support that is available to people aged under 18 who are experiencing emotional distress and/or at risk of suicide.

Specifically, I would like to know:

- **The number of school nurses that are employed**

Band 6 =2

Band 5 =2 (Registered Nurses/ Not Qualified School Nurses)

- **The number of full time equivalent posts the school nurses employed equates to**

Band 6 =1.8

Band 5 =1.39 TTO (TERM TIME ONLY)

- **The type of support school nurses provide to people under the age of 18 who are experiencing emotional distress or suicidal thoughts/feelings**

Young Person Health Hub — i.e. face to face — Confidential Drop-in service provided weekly in High Schools

CHAT HEALTH – via text based platform – Mon-Friday School, Hours only.

- **What channels school nurses use to have contact with people aged under 18, e.g. telephone, text, WhatsApp, email, face to face**

Young Persons Health Hub

CHAT Health- anonymous text based platform

Telephone

- **Any structured educational or awareness raising activities that school nurses undertake with people under the age of 18 in relation to mental health or emotional/psychological wellbeing**

Support from Emotional Health Wellbeing Nurses -- 2 wte for C&VUHB School nursing service
SN also advertise their YPHH and Chat Health in schools

- **Any structure suicide prevention work that school nurses undertake with people under the age of 18**

Not applicable. SN are Tier 1—would refer to a GP/ CAMHS for Specialist Support

- **If there are any school nurses who have a specific remit covering:**

All below supported in YPHH and by the 2 Emotional Health and Wellbeing Nurse/ additional training has been provided to school nurses

1. **mental health** – yes.
2. **suicide prevention, and/or** – yes.
3. **support for people under 18 who are experiencing suicidal thoughts/behaviours** – yes.

- **If available, the number of people under 18 that have received support for:**

1. **mental health problems**
2. **emotional distress, and/or**
3. **suicidal thoughts/feelings from a school nurse in the most recent reporting period (quarter or year)**

Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (the UHB) does not hold this information. Under Section 16 of the FOIA, which provides us with the duty to advise and assist, the UHB can inform you that 360 children/average 3-month period across C&V UHB area.

- **If available, the number of people under 18 who were provided with crisis support from a school nurse in the most recent reporting period (quarter or year)**

Not available, although this would be supported by the SN but referred to Specialist services.

For each school nurse in Vale of Glamorgan, I would also like to request a copy of their:

- **Safeguarding policy**
- **Confidentiality policy**
- **Policy statement in relation to capacity, decision making and choice**

All above are covered by C&VUHB policies:

- Safeguarding also complies with All Wales Safeguarding Guidance,
- Confidentiality + Fraser Competence Guidelines
- Capacity—training updates required ---Mental Capacity Act