

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference FoI/23/424**  
**Mental Health ward staffing levels**

**Information Requested:**

1. For each forensic mental health ward within the health board please disclose the number of shifts in the last 12 months where clinical staffing levels fell below recommended safe levels.
2. Furthermore, could you please provide me with the current guidelines or policies in place that specify the recommended safe staffing levels for clinical staff in forensic wards within the health board?

**Response Details:**

1. 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 it has not been able to identify any shifts in this period that fell below the recommended staffing levels and there are no reports highlighting staffing risks on low secure forensic services.
2. There are no legislated National staffing levels agreed for mental health units including Low Secure forensic services.