

Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference FoI/23/067

Acute Oncology

1. What are the admission criteria to the Acute Oncology ward in UHW?

Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (the UHB) does not hold this information. Under Section 16, which provides us with the duty to advise and assist, the UHB can inform you that there are not currently any acute oncology beds within the UHB.

2. How are people admitted to the AOS ward? Would referrals be made by ED? Velindre? GPs?

The UHB does not hold this information, there is currently no specified clinical ward area to manage AOS patients. However, under Section 16, the UHB can advise that there was a 3-month pilot done to establish proof of concept last autumn, but unfortunately due to bed and Emergency Unit (EU) pressures it was not continued and is currently being reviewed.

Patients were referred from primary care, EU Velindre but initially assessed in the Emergency Department and if suitable were transferred to the ward area. There was no specific additional funding as these were patients who would be in our wards anyway.

3. How many beds currently exist on the AOS ward?

Not applicable.

4. Are these beds (and the funding for them) ring fenced?

Not applicable.

5. Are there dedicated nurses allocated to this service?

There are dedicated clinical nurse specialists allocated as part of the team within the Acute Oncology Service which is an advisory service seeing patients wherever they are within the UHW & UHL site.

6. Are the nurses on this ward specialist oncology nurses?

The ward pilot was undertaken on a medical ward utilising the ward nursing establishment, supported by the acute oncology specialist nurses.

7. Who provides 24/7 consultant cover to these patients?

Day ward cover by Cons covering ward and OOH by on call Cons in Medicine

8. At what stage is the implementation of plans for VCC@UHW.

Planning stage.