

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference FoI/23/299**

**Long COVID**

**1. Does the UHB have a Long COVID service that GPs can refer patients to?**

Yes, it does. Cardiff and Vale University Healthboard (the UHB) has a Multidisciplinary Therapy led Long COVID Rehabilitation Team/Service that accepts referrals from GPs within the UHB, Secondary Care Consultants, the UHB Occupational Health Service and AHP Lead Rehabilitation Services. The GPs are also able to refer along regular and equitable pathways for specialist service secondary care consultation as required.

**2. How many referrals have been made to that service by GPs since March 2020?**

The service was set up in January 2021: GP referrals from this date to 26/06/2023: 1,384 (This includes referrals from out of area GPs and Referrals where the service cannot meet patient reported needs).

**3. What is the average time in weeks from referral to first appointment?**

Average time: 8-12 weeks

**4. How many patients have had an appointment since the start of the service?**

All patients who meet the service criteria are offered an appointment. 1,172

**5. How many patients who have been referred are waiting for their first appointment?**

GP referrals: 23 patients

**6. After referral by the GP, does the HB carry out an assessment of the patient prior to acceptance by the service?**

The rehabilitation service accepts all who meet the criteria using a screening and shared decision process with the patients. Ensuring the patients feel that the service can support their needs. Those patients whose needs cannot be met by the service are signposted and referred to the UHB collaborating rehabilitation/specialist teams and services.

**7. If so, what percentage of such assessments lead on to the LC patient being accepted by the service?**

N/A It is an opt in service based on patient choice. All patients assessed receive support, treatment and rehabilitation to meet their need.