

Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference FoI/23/249
Services

Information Requested:

1. Who makes policy on health service management in Wales?

Cardiff and Vale University Health Board does not hold this information in recorded form. However, the UHB would like to make you aware of an overview of NHS Wales provided by Welsh Government that may prove useful.

2. Who manages the health service in South East Wales?

Please see the response to question 1.

3. What is the Health Ministers role in the above?

Please see the response to question 1.

4. Who decides on how many hours a doctor employed by the HHS, works for the NHS and how many hours they work in private practice?

Please see below the relevant excerpts of the Consultant Contract relating to Private Practice. Please note, this does not cover hours explicitly but requires that NHS commitments are fulfilled.

Principles

9.1 Any Consultant undertaking private practice must demonstrate that they are fulfilling their NHS commitments.

9.2 There must be no conflict of interest between NHS work and private work.

9.3 The needs of patients in the NHS will not be prejudiced by the provision of services to private patients.

9.4 Work outside NHS commitments will not adversely affect NHS work, nor in any way hinder or conflict with the needs of NHS employers and employees.

9.5 NHS facilities, staff and services may only be used for private practice with the agreement of the NHS employer.

Disclosure of Information about Private Practice

9.6 Consultants will inform their employers of any conflicts between their NHS commitments and their private practice and work with their employer using the job planning process to resolve any such conflicts.

9.7 This process will be undertaken at least annually or more frequently if changes for either the Consultant or employer warrant job plan review.

9.8 The Consultant will be required to inform their Chief Executive of any

issues arising from their private practice which might significantly affect their ability to fulfil their NHS Commitments as soon as possible.

Schedule of Work

9.9 Consultants will not undertake private practice which prevents them being available to the NHS when on-call.

A Consultant with a low likelihood of recall may undertake appropriate private practice when on-call for the NHS, with the prior agreement of their NHS employer that this will not affect their availability for NHS commitments. There will be exceptional circumstances in which Consultants may reasonably provide emergency or essential continuing treatment for an existing private patient during NHS time on the basis of clinical need. Consultants will make alternative arrangements to provide cover where work of this kind impacts on NHS commitments.

9.10 The Consultant will ensure that there will be clear arrangements to avoid the risk of private commitments disrupting NHS commitments, e.g. by causing NHS activities to begin late, or to be cancelled.

9.11 If NHS sessions are disrupted the Consultant should rearrange the private sessions. Agreed NHS commitments will take precedence over private work. The job planning process will determine when NHS sessions are to be scheduled.

Where there is an agreed change to the scheduling of NHS work, the employer will be required to allow a reasonable period for Consultants to rearrange any existing private sessions.

5. What is the split between NHS and private work by doctors with an NHS contact?

The UHB does not hold any information regarding Private Practice hours.

6. Regarding the pain clinics in south Wales. How many hours per month are allocated to pain clinic service in the NHS?

51 face-to-face clinics, includes 8 treatment list and 2 CNS clinics per month.
7 virtual clinics per month.

Please note: the above data is for the Cardiff and Vale area only.

7. What are the waiting times for patients requiring pain clinic appointments in NHS South Wales?

Approximately 33-36 weeks wait.

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