

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request Reference FoI/24/418**  
**Same Day Emergency Care Units**

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I am writing to request information regarding the status of Same Day Emergency Care (SDEC) unit(s) across your Board.

I would appreciate it if you could provide detailed information on the following aspects:

- 1. The NHS Board and location (City, Town, or suburb) of all currently operational SDECs (highlighting whether they are permanent buildings, temporary/mobile units or refurbished existing estates) at your Board.**

In respect of the Child Health SDEC unit, the local health board is Cardiff and Vale University Health Board and the location is Noah's Ark Children's Hospital, Cardiff. It is a permanent site.

In respect of the Surgical SDEC unit, it is a permanent unit that was built in the old Physiotherapy unit, ground floor, B block, University Hospital of Wales.

CAV Medical SDEC is located on the main UHW site within a space formally occupied by a Surgical Unit and a Neurology Day Unit.

- 2. The NHS Board and location (City, Town, or suburb) of all planned permanent, temporary or refurbished SDECs that are not yet operational at your Board.**

Not applicable.

- 3. What is the maximum patient occupancy of the SDEC (number of patients in chairs or number of patients in beds)?**

In respect of the Child Health SDEC unit, there are 16 beds and a waiting area comprising 12 chairs. There is no maximum number of patients seen daily on the paediatric SDEC.

The Surgical SDEC unit consists of ten bed spaces and seven treatment chairs. The waiting room can accommodate 24 patients.

The Medical SDEC has capacity for the following:

Waiting Room – 20 Chairs

Examination Trolley – 8

Sub Waiting Room (Virtual Ward) – 6

Hot Clinic Rooms – 3

The Medical SDEC does not have beds and does not remain open overnight.

- 4. How many admissions does the SDEC manage each month (2024 data)?**

For the Child Health SDEC unit admissions:

- January – 658
- February – 649
- March – 709
- April – 596
- May – 669
- June – 565

In respect of Surgical SDEC unit admissions, the average daily number of patients who come through the doors via GP/ED/clinic referrals is between 40 to 60 patients, with an admission rate of 25% over the last 12 months.

In respect of the Medical SDEC:

Average New Patients per month – 540

Average Planned Returns per month – 220

Average number of patients admitted to an in-patient bed – 65 (12%)