

## **Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference FOI20-08-001**

Thank you for your request for information received on 4 August 2020.. Please find the response from Welsh Health Specialised Services Committee set out below in a question and answer format.

### **You asked**

1. How many adults aged 18-65 with a neurological condition\* were specially commissioned for care in a long-term care setting that provides 24-hour care between 01/08/2018 – 01/08/2020.
2. How many adults aged 18-65 with a neurological condition\* were specially commissioned for care in a long-term care setting that provides 24-hour care in Wales, between 01/08/2018 – 01/08/2020.
3. How many adults aged 18-65 with a neurological condition\* were specially commissioned for care in a long-term care setting that provides 24-hour care outside of Wales between 01/08/2018 – 01/08/2020.
4. Which long-term care settings providing 24-hour care in Wales were people aged 18-65 with neurological conditions specially commissioned to be cared by between 01/08/2018 – 01/08/2020. Please provide care setting names and addresses/location.

### **Our response**

Welsh Health Specialised Services commissions specialised neuro-rehabilitation for patients with highly complex needs. The Commissioning policy for Neuro-rehabilitation which is available on our website has adopted the definitions of the British Society of Rehabilitation Medicine and define the services commissioned by WHSSC as for patients with category A rehabilitation needs and delivered primarily by level 1 rehabilitation services.

We hold bed day contracts with a number of providers to deliver the activity and where required additional specialised placements are funded on an individual patient basis through our IPFR (Individual Patient Funding Request) process.

We do not routinely collect patient level information so are unable to answer the first three questions posed. In answer to the fourth question "Which long-term care settings providing 24-hour care in

Wales were people aged 18-65 with neurological conditions specially commissioned to be cared by between 01/08/2018 – 01/08/2020. Please provide care setting names and addresses/location" I can confirm that within Wales the two settings specially commissioned by WHSSC to provide long term neurological care are:

Rookwood Hospital,  
Cardiff and Vale University Health Board,  
18-20 Fairwater Road,  
Cardiff,  
CF5 2YN

Neath Port Talbot Hospital,  
Swansea Bay University Health Board,  
Baglan Way,  
Port Talbot,  
SA12 7BX

I trust that this provides the information that you require. Under the terms of the organisation's Freedom of Information policy, individuals seeking access to recorded information held by the Welsh Health Specialised Services Committee are entitled to request an internal review of the handling of their requests. If you would like to complain about the handling of your request please contact me using the following email address: (WHSSC.GeneralEnquiries@wales.nhs.uk) or via the host organisation, Cwm Taf University Health Board. If after Internal Review you remain dissatisfied you are also entitled to refer the matter to the Information Commissioner at the following address:

Information Commissioner's Office - Wales  
2nd Floor,  
Churchill House,  
Churchill Way,  
Cardiff,  
CF10 2HH

Telephone: 029 2067 8400  
Fax: 029 2067 8399  
Email: wales@ico.gsi.gov.uk

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