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Our ref: **FOI 24-225**

Your request

You requested the following:

I am contacting from BBC Wales and currently looking into Welsh language mental health support. Are you able to provide stats in terms of the number of Welsh speaking counsellors within your board please?

Our response

I can confirm that the Health Board has completed a search of its records and has established that it does hold information in relation to your request, as set out below:

We have four Mental Health Counsellors who have indicated that they have Welsh Language skills at level 3 – 5* in speaking and listening, recorded within the Electronic Staff Record (ESR).

*The table below provides a description of Welsh language ability against the scale used.

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
Listening	Understand familiar everyday expressions if people speak slowly and clearly.	Understand sentences or instructions when people speak slowly on familiar job-related matters	Understand most job-related routine and non-routine discussions and instructions.	Understand discussions and instructions even on unfamiliar topics.	Understand all spoken Welsh including complex discussions.
Speaking	Able to interact using everyday expressions, ask and answer basic questions on familiar topics.	Able to hold a conversation with someone else on familiar job-related matters.	Able to hold an extended conversation with a fluent speaker on most job-related routine and non-routine matters.	Able to speak and engage in discussion at length, confidently and without prompting.	Able to speak at length about complex issues, present arguments and lead discussions even on unfamiliar topics.

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We welcome correspondence in Welsh and we will respond in Welsh without delay.
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Reading	Understand very short, basic text.	Understand routine text and the gist of non-routine text on familiar job-related matters.	Understand most job-related routine and non-routine text when standard language is used.	Understand correspondence, newspaper articles and reports aimed at fluent Welsh speakers.	Understand all types of texts.
Writing	Able to pass on a simple message, make simple requests or fill in simple forms with basic information.	Able to write short texts on familiar job-related matters.	Able to write job-related routine and non-routine text.	Able to write different types of texts in styles that are appropriate to the reader in mind.	Able to write fluently, correctly and precisely adapting style according to the audience.