

Freedom of Information Request	FOI 22-375	7 th September 2022
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When I call this number and ask for mental health support, I was told they can't give me support due to staffing issues:

01873 735548 - Community Mental Health Team for North Monmouthshire

Community Mental Health Teams are comprised of a number of different personnel including administrative staff, registered Health and Social Care professionals, non-registered Health and Social Care professionals and in some teams, personnel from other agencies.

Whilst CMHT staff operate from a base, the majority of their clinical work will be undertaken in other locations such as a patient's home. Whilst the majority of CMHT staff's work is clinical (i.e. directly with a patient) there is also work which must be undertaken that doesn't involve direct patient contact such as attending meetings, liaising with other team members about a person's care and writing notes & reports.

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Can you give me data about how many staff were available in this team in the past 6 months and up until now please?

At present, the team is resourced with:

- 1 full time Consultant Psychiatrist
- 1 part time Consultant Psychologist (currently on maternity leave),
- 2 full time junior psychologists and a full time psychology assistant
- 3 full time nurses and one part time health care support worker
- 1 full time Lead Occupational Therapist (currently on maternity leave)
- 1 part time occupational therapist
- 1 full time OT technician
- 1 full time clinical team leader
- 1 full time and 1 part time administrator

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