

Freedom of Information Request	FOI 21-283	26 th July 2021
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I am writing to request information pertaining to stroke services provided by Aneurin Bevan University Health Board, in particular, how many outpatients rehabilitation services for stroke survivors have been postponed/ cancelled during the last 12-months due to COVID-19?

The information will enable us to gain a better understanding of the impact that COVID-19 has had on rehabilitation services and will subsequently allow us to support with the recovery of such services.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Health Boards Stroke Service has maintained its TIA and Stroke prevention clinics using virtual methods. This has been a success and it has allowed the service to deliver a consistent level of provision throughout the pandemic.

Stroke Spasticity Clinics have been reduced due to staff shortages. The service continues to work through options to resume normal service. The service has set up ad-hoc clinics during July and August 2021 with the support of the Neurology team. There are currently have 58 new patients waiting for Spasticity Clinic.