

Freedom of Information Request	FOI 21-202	9 th June 2021
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I was wondering if it were possible to find out more about the skin health services (cellulitis) that exists at Aneurin Bevan health Board and the pathways for patients with spina bifida with skins conditions (i.e., being referred to, during and after treatment). So I would like to know the following if possible:

- 1. What do you offer/do in terms of Skin Care Services for cellulitis?**
There is no specific skin care for patients with spinal bifida. The Tissue Viability Nursing team (TVN) will visit and review all patients with active cellulitis to the lower limb and also with resolved cellulitis with remaining skin damage e.g. blistering etc. Usual treatment would be good skin care-debridement if required, emollient to wash/moisturise, an appropriate primary/secondary dressing and then compression therapy if the patients pain is well managed.
- 2. Are the podiatry services linked to the healthcare services provided?**
The Health Board has a podiatry service which is provided on an individual medical needs basis for any presenting deformity and associated tissue viability need to the foot and ankle. Referrals are made via a health care professional referral.
- 3. How do you go about treating cellulitis of varying severity?**
Treatment for active cellulitis is undertaken by a medical team. Depending on the severity advice may be sought from microbiology on the most appropriate IV/oral antibiotics. Referral are made to the TVN Team if the skin has broken down.
- 3. How do you go about treating cellulitis?**
Please refer to Q3.
- 4. What are the outreach services like how can patients access them?**
Outreach services are available in a community setting and can be accessed via GP or hospital referral.
- 5. Rehab, (after surgery) criteria for accessing this?**
This would via a referral from a health care professional.
- 6. Do they offer paediatrics or adult services or both?**
The Health Board offers services to both paediatrics and adults.
- 7. What are the referral pathways? – is self-referral possible?**
Referral pathways are via a health care professional. There currently no self-referral pathways.

