

Freedom of Information Request	FOI 21-418	2 <sup>nd</sup> Novemeber 2021
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**Please could you supply the following information:**

**For the first full week of September 2021, what was the % of the baseline recommendation of WTE consultants available to staff A&E department(s) within your health board area, specifying a figure for each A&E department where applicable?**

**For clarity, the baselines as outlined by the Royal College of Emergency Medicine and figures should exclude the use of locums.**

The clinical futures model of care in place in Aneurin Bevan University Health Board has created an Emergency Care system that is unique within Wales and different to more traditional models found across the United Kingdom. It consists of an Emergency Department (ED) with colocated Children's Assessment Unit located at the specialist and critical centre that is the Grange University Hospital. The Health Board also has four Minor Injury Units that fall under the responsibility of the ED but are located at peripheral sites to support the concept of care closer to home.

This model of care is new and has been in place for less than 12 months during which time attendance numbers have been altered both due to the COVID-19 pandemic and restrictions put in place due to lockdowns. Current predicted figures would suggest that the Emergency Care system in Aneurin Bevan University Health Board would have 186000 attendances annually across all five sites with 93000 attending the Grange University Hospital.

These numbers would put the Emergency Care System in Aneurin Bevan University Health Board in the realms of a very large ED, according to the RCEM Consultant Staffing in Emergency Departments document 2018. Additionally, these numbers recommend a baseline staffing level of 34-48 WTE Emergency Medicine consultants depending on complexity of the system and numbers of areas supervised by the Emergency Medicine Consultants.

In the first week in September, whole time equivalent ED Consultants available in Aneurin Bevan University Health Board were 19.75 which is 58% of the lower level of staff recommended by the Royal College of Emergency Medicine