

Freedom of Information Request	FOI 21-438	18 th November 2021
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1. Please could you provide a list of the hospitals specified under the Section 140 (Mental Health Act 1983) arrangements in your area, and how many beds are available?

In-patient mental health and learning disability services (as specified under s140 MHA) in the Gwent area are provided by the Aneurin Bevan University Health Board across 10 hospital sites as follows:

Hospital	Number of beds
St Cadoc's Hospital, Caerleon, Newport	15
Maindiff Court Hospital, Abergavenny	15
Ysbyty Ystrad Fawr, Ystrad Mynach	39
Ysbyty Aneurin Bevan, Ebbw Vale	11
County Hospital, Pontypool	40
Llanfrechfa Grange Hospital, Llanfrechfa	7
St Woolos Hospital, Newport	14
Ysbyty'r Tri Chwm, Ebbw Vale	15
Twyn Glas, Blackwood & Mitchell Close, Llanfrechfa	5

The above 196 beds include acute admission units for adults of working age and older adults, dementia assessment units, rehabilitation units, learning disability assessment and treatment unit and two residential units for people with learning disabilities.

2. Please can you tell me what arrangements are in place for the reception of patients in cases of special urgency?

In cases of special urgency, arrangements will depend on the needs of the person requiring admission and the availability and suitability of the admitting environment. There is scope to transfer patients between units to accommodate need as required, however the Health Board's usual guiding principles would be to admit to the unit that a) best meets the person's need – both in terms of staff knowledge and skills and therapeutic environment and b) is as close to the person's usual residence as possible.

For people aged under 18 years, there is provision for emergency admission for up to 72 hours whilst an appropriate bed is sought. A bed in the extra care area of a named adult acute admissions unit is the identified bed, in order that under 18's can be adequately safeguarded whilst on the unit. The Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) provides the staff resource to safely nurse and regularly review young people whilst on the unit. A policy in place to support this.

3. Can you provide information about, or a copy of, the local joint policy between the local authorities, services, and NHS commissioners for Section 140 of the Mental Health Act?

In providing responses for this request, it has been identified that no such policy is in existence at this time, however this has been raised with Local Authority colleagues and will be discussed at the forthcoming Mental Health Act Implementation Group (a partnership of colleagues from the Health Board, five local authorities within the Health Board's 'footprint', Police, Welsh Ambulance Service and Third Sector groups) in order that a policy can be developed.

4. Who are the Senior Leads for each party in this joint policy?"

The Leads will be Senior Clinical staff from the Mental Health and Learning Disabilities Division of ABUHB (e.g. Directorate Managers, Lead Nurses, Clinical Directors, Head of Quality & Improvement) and Local Authority Service Managers (MH & LD).