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Clerking Team
Welsh Parliament
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Dear Sir, Madam

Re: Petition P-06-1240 Improve health services for people with epilepsy living in Wales

Reference Mr Jack Sargeant's letter dated 7th June 2022.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide information on what services and resources are in place within the Aneurin Bevan University Health Board to meet the needs of people living with Epilepsy, and any gaps in the service.

Within the Health Board the service consists of 2 x Consultant Neurologists with a Special Interest in Epilepsy (1 of which is part time, totalling 1.2 WTE), 1 x Band 7 full time Epilepsy Specialist Nurse, and 1 x Band 6 Epilepsy Nurse (0.5 WTE). The service is also supported by a Health Care Support Worker who provides daily telephone triage for our open access service.

The services provided are:

- Weekly consultant led clinics, including a suspected first seizure service
- Weekly MDT to discuss complex patients
- Specialist Nurse led clinics i.e. antenatal clinics and a vagal nerve stimulator (VNS) clinics
- Learning disabilities clinic (joint with LD psychiatrists)

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- Adolescent transition clinics (joint with paediatricians)
- Open Access telephone line (for returned call within 5 days) – the majority of our workload is through this route

With regards to current gaps in service, Epilepsy Action recommends that there is 1 x WTE Epilepsy Clinical Nurse Specialist to manage a cohort of 250 patients. The current situation demonstrates that the Health Board's staffing levels are below these recommendations. The Health Board is therefore advertising for an additional 1 x WTE Epilepsy Clinical Nurse Specialist and 1 x WTE Consultant with a Specialist Interest in Epilepsy.

We hope that the above information is helpful and would welcome any feedback.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Glyn Jones', with a large, stylized flourish above the name.

Glyn Jones
Prif Weithredwr Dros Dro / Interim Chief Executive