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Arwydd Llyr

During Questions on 15 October you asked me about the provision of specialist nurses for organ donation and transplantation services in Wales.

I can confirm that in North Wales, the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board currently has 3 embedded Specialist Nurses (SN-ODs) who work within the three acute hospitals.

For the on-call rota, the Health Board is supported by members of the whole of the North West team (covering North Wales and North West England). In addition, from the North West team, there is also a Practice Development Nurse, a Team Manager and Regional Manager who work with the North Wales staff. There are 3 SN-ODs on-call 24/7 covering the whole of the North West which includes North Wales.

In South Wales, the position is as follows:

- Abertawe Bro Morgannwg LHB - 3 embedded SN-ODs.
- Aneurin Bevan LHB - 2 embedded SN-ODs.
- Cardiff and Vale LHB - 3 embedded SN-ODs.
- Cwm Taff LHB - 2 embedded SN-ODs.
- Hywel Dda LHB - 1 (soon to be 2) embedded SN-ODs – an advert has also been placed to appoint a further SN-OD.

There are also 2 Team Managers for South Wales and 1 Practice Development Nurse. There is also a Regional Manager covering South Wales and South West England. Two SN-ODs are on-call 24/7 covering South Wales.

There is a target for Specialist Nurses to spend 60 per cent of their working week in their embedded hospital/LHB and I am assured that this is being achieved.

I hope this is helpful to you. A copy of this letter will be placed in the Library.

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