

**FOI.17570 - Attachment 1**

1. For each centre within your Health Board that provides neonatal care, please answer:

a. How many funded neonatal intensive care unit (ICU), neonatal high dependency unit (HDU) and special care baby unit (SCBU) cots are there?

The UHB confirms that it has four (4) neonatal High Dependency Unit (HDU) and eight (8) Special Care Baby Unit (SCBU) funded beds.

b. Does the centre have access to a senior pharmacist practising in neonatology at Agenda for Change (AFC) Band 8a or equivalent as a minimum?

The UHB does have an Agenda for Change (A4C) Band 8a as a minimum, Women and Children (W&C) specialised pharmacist, with experience in neonatal care.

c. Does the centre have access to a senior pharmacist with experience in the provision of parenteral nutrition, where necessary?

The UHB does have experience in peripheral parenteral nutrition using standardised premade bags only. Those requiring individualised parenteral nutrition would require transfer to a tertiary unit.

d. Do pharmacists working in neonatal care attend daily multidisciplinary ward rounds?

The UHB does not have pharmacists working within neonatal care who attend daily multidisciplinary (MDT) ward rounds. However, pharmacists do attend the weekly grand round.

e. How many pharmacists (whole time equivalent) working in neonatal care are active independent prescribers?

The UHB has no pharmacists working in Neonatal Care that are active Independent Prescribers. However, the UHB employs 0.2 Whole Time Equivalent (WTE) Pharmacists, who are qualified Independent Prescribers, though their scope of practice does not cover Neonatology.

- f. Does the centre have access to medicines via the hospital dispensary 7 days a week, with regular stock top ups in accordance with demand, but no less than once a week?

The UHB does have access to medicines via the hospital dispensary seven (7) days a week, with regular stock top ups in accordance with demand.

- g. Does the centre have 5 day access to an aseptic and CIVA service where this is needed to provide bespoke parenteral nutrition or where there is substantial use of high risk intravenous medications?

The UHB does not have five (5) day access to an aseptic and Central Intravenous Additive (CIVA) service. If babies require bespoke parenteral nutrition, they will need to be transferred to a neonatal tertiary unit offering this service.

- h. Does the centre provide a five day or seven day neonatal service? If this varies for different beds, please answer the below separately for each service.

The UHB confirms it provides a twenty four (24) hours, seven (7) days per week Neonatal service.

- i. How many clinical pharmacists work in neonatal care (whole time equivalent), and at what AfC band?

The UHB has a WTE of 0.2 A4C Band 7 or 8b pharmacists working within neonatal care, five (5) days per week.

- ii. The UHB has no ward-based pharmacy technicians working within neonatal care.

2. Does your health board have a paediatric critical care unit?

The UHB does not have a paediatric critical care unit.

- a.-f. Not applicable.