

<b>Reference:</b>	FOI.8988.22
<b>Subject:</b>	Hospital social workers
<b>Date of Request:</b>	24 May 2022

**Requested:**

Please provide the following information via email;

1. Number of hospital social workers currently employed by your Health Board (expressed as number of staff and as Full Time Equivalent, excluding vacancies)
2. Number of non-social work registered staff currently employed in hospital social work teams (care managers, assessment officers, assistant social workers etc) (expressed as number of staff and as Full Time Equivalent, excluding vacancies)
3. Number of vacancies for social workers and non-social work registered staff currently employed in hospital social work teams (expressed as number of posts and Full Time Equivalent)
4. Are these hospital social workers managed by a registered social worker?
5. Do these hospital social workers have an office base within an NHS hospital / other NHS premises?
6. If your Health Board does not employ hospital social workers, please give the name of the body that does employ hospital social workers in your area.

'Hospital social workers' include employees registered with a social work regulator, who spend more than 50% of their working time facilitating hospital discharge or providing other social work services to inpatients of acute NHS services, **excluding** mental health. 'Non-social work registered staff' includes staff who provide a similar service to social workers, but who are not registered with a social work regulator. Please **do not** include any staff whose posts are funded by the NHS or other bodies, but whose contract of employment is with the local authority.

**Response:**

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) regrets to inform you that it does not hold all of the information requested. Social Workers are employed by the Local Authorities (LA).

We would therefore recommend that you redirect your request to the Freedom of Information Teams within each LA in the UHB's footprint, who may be able to help you with your enquiry. For ease, their details are set out below:-

Information & Data Protection Officer, Carmarthenshire County Council, County Hall, Carmarthen, SA31 1JP or by email [foia@carmarthenshire.gov.uk](mailto:foia@carmarthenshire.gov.uk)

Complaints & Freedom of Information Team, Ceredigion County Council, Canolfan Rheidol, Rhodfa Padarn, Llanbadarn Fawr, Aberystwyth, Ceredigion, SY23 3UE or by email [foi@ceredigion.gov.uk](mailto:foi@ceredigion.gov.uk)

Information Governance Team, Pembrokeshire County Council, County Hall, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA61 1TP or by email [FOI@pembrokeshire.gov.uk](mailto:FOI@pembrokeshire.gov.uk)

However, whilst operating in accordance with the Section 45 Freedom of Information Code of Practice, the UHB has a duty to provide advice and assistance. Therefore, the UHB provides the information it holds for question 5 below.

5. The UHB confirms that desk space is made available, as and when required, across the UHB for social workers.