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**Requested:**

1. Please tell me the number of clinicians you have working at the Health Board who specialise in tic disorders.
  - The clinicians must have specialised practice in the three tic disorders set out in the DSM-5-TR: Tourette's Syndrome, persistent motor or vocal tics and provisional tic disorder.
  - I am aware the clinicians may diagnose and treat patients in a variety of sub-speciality roles including, but not limited to, neurology, neuropsychiatry etc. **Please include all specialists regardless of the sub-speciality in which they practice.**
2. Please tell me the clinician(s) start date of employment at the Health Board.
3. If there are currently no specialists working at the Health Board, please tell me how many you have had working at the Health Board in the past during the following years: 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022.

**Response:**

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) does not hold the requested information, as it does not have specific clinics for adults or Children and Young People (CYP) with Tic disorders.

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 can confirm that its Specialist Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (SCAMHS) has two (2) clinicians with a special interest in the area, but they do not specialise in Tic disorders; those with Tic disorders are seen within the SCAMHS generic assessment and intervention cohort.

SCAMHS and the Neurodevelopmental Team have developed a clinical pathway and training which is currently being reviewed by the Neurodevelopment Improvement Plan team in Welsh Government (WG) to assist in the development of an All Wales pathway.