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1. How many substantive Consultant Neurologists work for the Trust?

We have seven WTE Consultants employed by the Trust. In addition, we have three Consultants who are employed by Plymouth University and hold Honorary Contracts with the Trust, contributing a further 1.50WTE to the clinical service between them.

2. How many Locum Neurologists work for the Trust?

Nil

3. Does the Trust employ Clinical Nurse Specialists related to Neurology?

Yes

- Multiple Sclerosis CNS x 3 (2.40 WTE)
- Parkinson's Disease CNS x 2
- Epilepsy Nurse x 2
- Stroke Nurse Practitioners x 3
- Headache Specialist Nurse x1

Additionally we have the following specialists

- Neuromuscular Advisers x 2 (not nurse role)
- Motor Neurone Disease Coordinator x 1 (not nurse role)
- Neurofibromatosis Coordinator x 1 (not nurse role)

4. What professionals are included in the delivery of the Outpatient Neurological service?

Neurology Consultants, Specialist Registrars/Higher Level Trust Registrars and Clinical Nurse Specialists

Although we have a vacancy at present, we have employed a Neurology Specialist Pharmacist in an outpatient capacity and also have some Physiotherapy/Neuropsychology and Respiratory Nurse Consultant time to

support some of the most specialist clinics. General nursing/HCA team supports all clinics.

5. What professionals are included in the delivery of the Inpatient Neurological service?

Neurology Consultants, Specialist Registrars/Higher Level Trust Grade Registrars, SHOs (combination of Foundation doctors, Core Medical Trainees, Specialty doctors and Trust Grade Registrars (Lower) and Clinical Nurse Specialists.

In addition, the multidisciplinary team is supported by Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy, Speech and Language Therapy, Dietetics and Discharge Case Managers. There is access to Neuropsychology and Pharmacy support as well as to review by other specialty medical teams as required.

6. What escalation plans are in place for the organisation relating to Neurology?

There is an attending neurology Consultant and Team in attendance at the hospital seven days a week. If the hospital inpatient system is under pressure, the escalation is to increase the number of SpR/Trust Grade Registrar (Higher) grade doctors by reducing elective outpatient clinics. This escalation is triggered by the Attending Consultant or Stroke Consultant.