

Date: 15th June 2026
Ref: CORP 26/27 - 024

Dear xxx

Freedom of Information request: Physiotherapy Services (CORP 26/27 – 024)

Thank you for your request for information which the Trust received on 18th May 2026.

Your Request:

- 1) Please confirm how many whole time equivalent (WTE) physiotherapists Band 5 posts were advertised by Velindre University NHS Trust between April 1st 2025 and March 31st 2026, and the total number of applications received for these posts.
- 2) Please confirm how many whole time equivalent (WTE) physiotherapists Band 5 posts were successfully recruited by Velindre University NHS Trust between April 1st 2025 and March 31st 2026.
- 3) Please confirm or deny if Velindre University NHS Trust has had any periods of time within the last 12 months to the 31st of March 2026 where recruitment to posts has been delayed? If confirmed, please provide reasons (short narrative) for the delay.
- 4) Please confirm or deny whether there have been any new physiotherapy service developments including new services, new roles or changes to existing service delivery, in Velindre University NHS Trust during the last financial year (April 2025 to end of March 2026).

If confirmed:

1. Please provide details of the developments.
2. Please confirm or deny whether these were supported by additional resources.
- 5) Please provide details of spend on agency/locum staff in the last year April 2025 to end of March 2026.
- 6) Please confirm your current physiotherapy workforce vacancy rate:
 - a. as a percentage of the expected physiotherapy workforce at Velindre University NHS Trust.
 - b. please provide a breakdown of vacancies in WTE broken down by Agenda for Change pay bands.

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- 7) *Please provide an explanation of the vacancies in request 6, and any figures that relate to the number of vacant posts in e.g. How many are*
- Post waiting recruitment process, will be advertised*
 - Post advertised, recruited to*
 - Vacancy hold, unable to advertise*
 - Financial savings, not recruiting to vacancy*
 - Other (please explain)*

Please find the Trust's response below:

- 1) **Please confirm how many whole time equivalent (WTE) physiotherapists Band 5 posts were advertised by Velindre University NHS Trust between April 1st 2025 and March 31st 2026, and the total number of applications received for these posts.**

None

- 2) **Please confirm how many whole time equivalent (WTE) physiotherapists Band 5 posts were successfully recruited by Velindre University NHS Trust between April 1st 2025 and March 31st 2026.**

N/A

- 3) **Please confirm or deny if Velindre University NHS Trust has had any periods of time within the last 12 months to the 31st of March 2026 where recruitment to posts has been delayed? If confirmed, please provide reasons (short narrative) for the delay.**

None

- 4) **Please confirm or deny whether there have been any new physiotherapy service developments including new services, new roles or changes to existing service delivery, in Velindre University NHS Trust during the last financial year (April 2025 to end of March 2026).**

If confirmed:

- Please provide details of the developments.**
 - Please confirm or deny whether these were supported by additional resources.**
- Universal online gynae education group offering – monthly
 - Development of a physiotherapy post at Velindre @ radiotherapy satellite unit, Nevil Hall – additional resource.
 - Physiotherapy technician role for in-patient physiotherapy team to support services across SDEC (Same Day Emergency Care) and First Floor Ward.

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- Walking aid recycling scheme – existing scheme now collaborating between Cardiff and Vale, Joint Equipment Store and the Probation service.
- Frailty education session as part of the Velindre Oncology Academy masters module.
- Metastatic Spinal Cord Compression Service education event – jointly organised with Aneurin Bevan University Health Board – to be annual.

Please note, physiotherapy services will also be offered by patients' local Health Boards. Velindre University NHS Trust is a nationally recognised specialist centre of excellence for the provision of non-surgical oncology including radiotherapy and chemotherapy; specialist palliative care; blood transfusion; specialist immunohaematology; antenatal blood testing reference work; and transplant immunology. The Trust provides a range of specialist non surgical oncology services to approximately 1.5 million people of South-East Wales, and to the whole of Wales for some services, working in partnership with the hospitals managed by the Local Health Boards. The Welsh Blood Service collects processes and delivers blood and blood products to hospitals across Wales.

5) Please provide details of spend on agency/locum staff in the last year April 2025 to end of March 2026.

Nil agency spend for these posts.

6) Please confirm your current physiotherapy workforce vacancy rate:

a. as a percentage of the expected physiotherapy workforce at Velindre University NHS Trust.

25% vacancy including a rotational post and SLA with Local Health Board

b. please provide a breakdown of vacancies in WTE broken down by Agenda for Change pay bands.

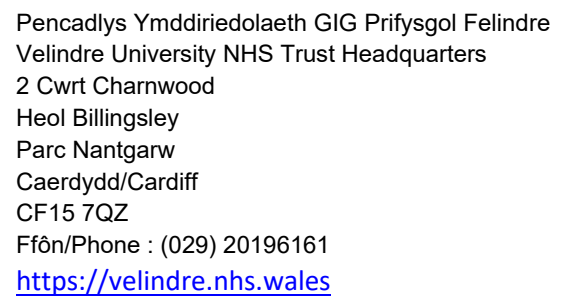
1.5 WTE band 6 Specialist Oncology Physiotherapists

7) Please provide an explanation of the vacancies in request 6, and any figures that relate to the number of vacant posts in e.g

- a. Post waiting recruitment process, will be advertised
- b. Post advertised, recruited to - 1.5 WTE – Band 6 Specialist Oncology Physiotherapists
- c. Vacancy hold, unable to advertise
- d. Financial savings, not recruiting to vacancy
- e. Other (please explain)

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