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Dear Mr Powell

**P-04-342 MS Nurses**

Further to your request for information regarding the current and future provision of MS Nurses within Cardiff and Vale University Health Board, I am pleased to be able to provide you with the following information.

I can advise that there are currently 7 nurses within the Health Board dedicated to the care of people with MS. This headcount equates to a whole time equivalent of 6.24 nurses. These specialist nurses are involved in the delivery of local and outreach services to patients across South East Wales. The team includes a Specialist Continence Advisor and an MS Research Nurse. I can confirm that there are no plans to downsize the MS nursing workforce at this time and any changes to the team would be in line with service and workforce modernisation with the aim of improving patient care.

I would like to reassure you that the MS Nurse Specialists are highly valued by the Health Board. We acknowledge the tremendous and highly professional work performed by this team. It is recognised that their remit is vital to ensuring that patients enjoy quality of life in their home environment and for emergency admissions to hospital to be minimised.

I hope that my response provides you with the information you require.

Yours sincerely

**Jan Williams**  
**Chief Executive**