

P-06-1534 End corridor care in Wales

This petition was submitted by the Royal College of Nursing Wales, having collected 10,536 signatures.

Text of petition:

In Wales, patients are currently receiving care on trolleys or chairs for hours on end, often days, in pain and suffering. Doctors, nurses, and health care staff are forced to treat and care for patients in corridors, car parks, and other places where safe, dignified care isn't possible and where they lack access to life-saving equipment.

The Royal College of Nursing Wales and the BMA Cymru Wales are jointly raising the alarm on patient safety for Welsh Government to eradicate corridor care.

Additional information:

The RCN and the BMA call on the Welsh Government to immediately:

1. Begin recording and reporting on corridor care in Wales, starting by making it a 'never event' for patients to receive care in chairs for more than 24 hours.
2. Pause reductions in NHS Wales hospital beds. Nationally review capacity and deliver a clear, costed workforce plan to ensure hospitals and wider care settings can meet future demand.
3. Invest in community-based care by:
 - increasing the number of District Nurses (and nurses with a community nursing master's degree) back to, and above, 2010 levels to meet demand.
 - restoring the proportion of NHS Wales funding in general practice to historic levels, with aspirations to increase, so that we train, recruit and retain enough GPs to move toward the OECD average number of GPs per 1000 people.

4. Prioritise prevention and early intervention. Sustainable emergency care needs a strong focus on population health and early diagnosis to reduce avoidable crises.

Senedd Constituency and Region

- Cardiff North
- South Wales Central