

Welsh Ambulance Services University NHS Trust

New paramedic initiative reduces hospital admissions

- New partnership with health board delivers care closer to home, reducing hospital admissions by 70%

The Welsh Ambulance Service, in partnership with Aneurin Bevan University Health Board, has launched a new initiative in Blaenau Gwent, deploying Advanced Paramedic Practitioners (APPs) to deliver care closer to home. APPs - registered paramedics with enhanced training and prescribing abilities - work both in emergency response and primary care, supporting GP surgeries.

Four APPs serve 10 surgeries, conducting home visits to prevent unnecessary hospital admissions. This early intervention allows patients to access community resources and remain at home whenever possible.

Data shows APP interventions reduce hospital admissions by 70% compared to traditional ambulance crews. This collaboration improves patient wellbeing; eases hospital pressures and delivers care in patients' preferred environment. Over 100 APPs now operate across Wales, including in control rooms, demonstrating the evolving role of paramedics in the healthcare system.