



Eich cyf/Your ref P-06-1492
Ein cyf/Our ref JMHSC/00531/25

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29 April 2025

Dear Carolyn,

Thank you for your letter of 18 February about Petition P-06-1492 Maintain 24-hour access to the Minor Injuries Unit (MIU) at Prince Philip Hospital, Llanelli.

In my previous correspondence to you on 7 January, I outlined why the health board had introduced the temporary service change. My officials continue to monitor the situation.

I understand the health board has held a series of engagement sessions with a diverse group of stakeholders to determine a sustainable long-term solution. Together with the stakeholder group, the health board has worked through a list of options that was considered by the Board at its meeting on 27 March. The stakeholder group included nurses, clinicians, the ambulance service, out-of-hours GPs, campaign group representatives, and community members. The health board also held two drop-in sessions for the public on 6 and 17 March. The stakeholder group developed 12 options that were assessed against a set range of criteria to ensure that only viable and deliverable options would be taken forward. This led to four options being taken forward.

Following the Board meeting that was held on 27 March, the health board agreed to hold a 12-week public consultation on the four options that were agreed through the stakeholder panel. The consultation will run from the end of April or early May 2025.

The temporary change has not affected the acute medical assessment unit, and very unwell medical patients will be taken to Prince Philip Hospital, 24-hours a day, for assessment and treatment.

The health board continues to monitor the impact of the temporary closure and indications are that it has not had a major impact at other emergency departments in terms of additional attendances.

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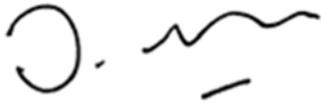
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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'J' followed by a series of wavy lines and a short horizontal stroke at the end.

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