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Meddygfa'r Sarn Update – May2026
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Meddygfa'r Sarn

- Following consideration by a Vacant Practice Panel on 31 October 2025, the Board at its meeting on 29 January 2026 considered the recommendation to disperse the practice list. In line with Health Board process, it was agreed that a period of public engagement should be undertaken (8 weeks) commencing on 9 February 2026. An engagement plan was agreed with Llais West Wales.
 - in-person at any of the three public engagement drop-in events in Pontyates on 24 February 2026, Pontyberem on 3 March 2026 and Carway on 31 March 2026
 - by questionnaire, enclosed with letter to all patients: collection boxes for paper questionnaires at Meddygfa'r Sarn and Pontyates Community Pharmacy,
 - online: completing the digital version of the same questionnaire hosted on Hywel Dda University Health Boards (HDdUHB) Have Your Say / Dweud eich Dweud sites
 - by telephone - via the Communication Hub, by email at ask.hdd@wales.nhs.uk, or in writing to the Health Board.
- We received: 957 questionnaire responses, six emails, four telephone calls and three letters
 - 68.3% of respondents were aged over 55
 - 54.9% of respondents were women
 - 59.4% of respondents said they had been to the practice in the last month
 - 21% of respondents said they walked to the practice
- From stakeholders we received letters from:
 - Adam Price AS MS, Carmarthenshire County Council, Councillors Alex Evans, Meinir James and Tyssul Evans, Councillor Meinir James, Councillor Sean Rees, Llanelli Town Council, Councillor Tyssul Evans, Joyce Watson MS, Kidwelly Town Council, Lee Waters MS, Llandyfaelog Community Council, Nia Griffiths MP and Presbyterian Church of Wales
- A report to Board for its meeting on 28 May 2026 will summarise the response to the engagement exercise and make recommendations on a way forward for Meddygfa'r Sarn



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