

Stroke consultation feedback - overview



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Consultation closed on the 26 July 2026, with 751 total consultation responses received, 30 written submissions and engagement with more than 3,000 people across 120 engagement events and activities.

Questionnaire response breakdown included:

- 652 English, 10 Welsh and 14 organisational online responses
- 66 English, 3 Welsh and 6 Easy Read paper responses

The consultation report is currently being drafted. This will be shared with staff and stakeholder groups to test that it reflects what was heard and shared during the consultation; whether there are any gaps or areas which should be strengthened, and identify the key messages that they believe should be considered in more detail by Board.

In a Board Seminar session in October 2026, work will begin to conscientiously consider all of the findings from the consultation report. Feedback from the staff and stakeholder sessions and wider option development information will also be considered, before completing the consideration and decision making in a public Board meeting in November 2026 as planned.

Stroke consultation feedback - emerging findings



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Key findings emerging from the report are similar to those that we heard during the engagement event. Key themes being travel, transport and infrastructure, capacity at Glangwili Hospital to host an acute stroke unit as proposed, and timely access to care.

We also heard concerns about equity of care in Hywel Dda. Access to care from neighbouring health boards, particularly if there is only a single unit within the south of Hywel Dda, and the impact this would have on the families, carers and visitors of patients.

In response to the questionnaire - around 69% of those answering chose either 'strongly disagree' or 'tend to disagree' with the preferred option. However early engagement feedback analysis suggests that people were more likely to agree with the preferred option once they had been able to ask questions about the model and understand how it would work in practice.

We also heard concerns about the length of time needed for rehabilitation after a stroke, with questions being asked about whether rehabilitation can be provided closer to home, particularly for those living in Pembrokeshire and Llanelli.

A theme arising throughout engagement sessions, questionnaire responses and written submissions is how the potential development of a new Urgent and Planned Care Hospital in the south of Hywel Dda would impact the option implementation and the phasing of the option. There were suggestions that this should be answered before the decision or implementation of any option is made.

Stroke consultation feedback - key milestones



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21-28 August 2026: Review of initial draft consultation report by external quality assurance advisors as part of Centre for Consultation quality assurance framework

21-30 September 2026: Staff and stakeholder sessions to review consultation report to inform Board Seminar

22 October 2026: Board Seminar Session to begin conscientious consideration of consultation report along with staff and stakeholder feedback

26 November 2026: Public Board session to complete conscientious consideration and decision making