



**PWYLLGOR IECHYD A DIOGELWCH  
HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE**

<b>DYDDIAD Y CYFARFOD: DATE OF MEETING:</b>	04 March 2025
<b>TEITL YR ADRODDIAD: TITLE OF REPORT:</b>	Prince Philip Hospital – Temporary Traffic Control Issues
<b>CYFARWYDDWR ARWEINIOL: LEAD DIRECTOR:</b>	Andrew Carruthers, Chief Operating Officer
<b>SWYDDOG ADRODD: REPORTING OFFICER:</b>	Stuart Bancroft, Assistant General Manager

**Pwrpas yr Adroddiad (dewiswch fel yn addas)  
Purpose of the Report (select as appropriate)**

Er Gwybodaeth/For Information

**ADRODDIAD SCAA  
SBAR REPORT**

**Sefyllfa / Situation**

This report provides an update to the Committee on the temporary traffic control issues at Prince Philip Hospital (PPH), which was previously reported to the Committee in July 2024, as a result of a major building project underway in Bryngwyn School opposite PPH. The roundabout has been removed, and temporary three-way traffic lights have been put in place at the only entrance/exit to the PPH site.

Access to the site for emergency services as well as staff / patients / visitors has been impacted by this operation, and temporary traffic lights will remain in place until 2026.

**Cefndir / Background**

On 24 September 2024, a representative from the principal contractor contacted the PPH management team to inform that temporary traffic lights were being installed at the main entrance of PPH which would be in place for approximately 18 months. No previous correspondence regarding this work or consultation on the planning application was received by the Health Board (HB), and therefore there was no opportunity for the management team to express concerns over the application and suggest alternative solutions.

The PPH management team wrote to principal contractor expressing concern that the traffic lights have the potential to cause traffic congestion in and out of the hospital and is likely to cause operational issues, particularly at peak times - 0730-1000 and 1600-1830.

It also highlighted the risk of vehicles getting stuck at the junction – this could block either of the dual carriageways or indeed the main road. Both of these issues could affect ambulances being able to bring patients in and out of the hospital, and also staff being able to enter and leave.

Traffic lights were installed on 30 September 2024, and caused severe operational issues, with staff waiting up to an hour to exit the site.

Also due to the configuration changes, on 9 October 2024, a bus got stuck while entering the main hospital entrance, ending up being stuck on the central reservation blocking both the only site entry and exit carriageways for 45 minutes. On another occasion a car crashed into waiting traffic, and this was cleared in approx. 20 mins. Both of these incidents would have affected access to the site for emergency vehicles.

### Asesiad / Assessment

The principal contractor has listened to the HB's concerns and have manned the traffic lights and reset the sequence timings, to the extent that there is currently increased flow at peak times for staff in particular entering and leaving the site.

The principal contractor met with the Estates Department very soon after the works started (early October 2024) and the following points were noted:

- The principal contractor submitted planning to Carmarthenshire County Council (CCC) in May 2024 for consideration.
- Full planning was granted on 24 August 2024.
- It is the responsibility of the Local Authority's (LA) Highways Department to determine what traffic management is required to form part of the planning process.
- The Highways Department advised the LA to approve planning with the current traffic management in place.
- The principal contractor questioned whether there was a need for traffic management for the two-year project duration, or whether it was needed only for the path works, which is a two-week period.
- The Highways Department insisted that the traffic management remains for the two-year period.
- The principal contractor is further liaising with Highways Department to ascertain if they will consider opening back up after the path works however no response in terms of the Highways Department decision has been received to date.
- The principal contractors had originally planned for 'traffic personnel' management between 9.00am and 3.00pm but this has been extended from 7.30am until 5.00pm.
- The principal contractors were due to speak to the Highways Department to ascertain if there could be any consideration to incorporate an emergency services entrance for ambulances only at the front of the hospital. A response has not been received to date.
- The Estates Team will be informing the LA of the disappointment in the lack of correspondence, pre and post project start. Correspondence will be sent early March.

There has also been correspondence between the HB and the LA regarding the issues:

- The Corporate Correspondence Team emailed CCC on 8 October 2024, to enquire what communication (if any) had taken place with the HB in advance of the commencement of the works. This was responded to the same day – it advised that the principal contractor had liaised directly with PPH to inform them of the works.
- On 11 October 2024, an email was sent on behalf of Andrew Carruthers, Chief Operating Officer to the Director of Place Infrastructure and Economic Development at CCC to bring the HB's concerns to the attention of the LA in relation to severe operational difficulties caused by the road works and traffic lights. This also highlighted that the HB had no record of being informed of the planning permission sought and had no opportunity to comment in advance of the commencement of the works. The email further sought confirmation on whether a risk assessment had been undertaken and asked that the temporary entrance to the Bryngwyn site be moved away from the roundabout and for the removal of the traffic lights. It additionally enquired about a temporary second exit to the PPH site being facilitated.

- The Director of Place Infrastructure and Economic Development at CCC responded the same day to advise that it would be unsafe, from a traffic and pedestrian perspective, to remove the traffic lights, given the state of the works. However, he advised that he had asked for the lights to be controlled manually over the forthcoming weekend, with the position being reviewed the following week.
- A further email was received from the Director of Place Infrastructure and Economic Development at CCC on 14 October 2024. This advised that the immediate works on the road were scheduled to be completed by 16 October 2024 at the latest, which should significantly improve traffic flow in the affected areas. The traffic management company was manually overriding the traffic lights during hospital shift changes and school pick up times, to ease congestion. Additionally, it indicated that arrangements for the remainder of the construction phase would be reviewed. The email also asked that the HB to advise if there were any issues still being experienced.
- A response was sent on behalf of Andrew Carruthers on 21 October 2024, confirming that the principal contractors had not directly liaised with the HB until 24 September 2024 (two weeks prior to the work commencing). The email highlighted the times of concern, being peak times for the arrival and departure of staff (08.00-10.00am, and 3.00-6.00pm). It also queried whether traffic controls were necessary following completion of the scheduled works and asked that the traffic lights be removed as soon as possible.
- No response has been received from CCC to the HB's email dated 21 October 2024.

#### **UPDATE FEB 2025**

- The PPH estates manager has been in contact with principal contractor and the Highways Department (CCC) on numerous occasions since the start of the project. His request to have the traffic management removed after the completion of the opening to the school was refused. The Highways Department at CCC have stipulated that traffic management was included in the planning and would be present for the duration of the work until February 2026.
- The PPH Estates Manager also requested progress with CCC Planning Department on the second emergency access route into the site issue and is currently in discussion with them. This is something that the management team still believe is important for the future to have a backup solution for entry/exit particularly for emergency vehicle access. Following further discussion with the council, the lights are now manned at peak times between 0700 and 1730.

#### **Argymhelliad / Recommendation**

The Committee is asked to:

**NOTE** the current remedial actions being undertaken in relation to the Prince Philip Hospital – Temporary Traffic Control Issues.

#### **Amcanion: (rhaid cwblhau)**

#### **Objectives: (must be completed)**

Committee ToR Reference: Cyfeirnod Cylch Gorchwyl y Pwyllgor:	2.1 Provide assurance around HDdUHB's arrangements for ensuring the health, safety, welfare and security of all employees and of those who may be affected by work-related activities, such as patients, members of the public, volunteers contractors etc.
Cyfeirnod Cofrestr Risg Datix a Sgôr Cyfredol:	New Risk to be added to DATIX

Datix Risk Register Reference and Score:	
Galluogwyr Ansawdd: Enablers of Quality: <a href="#">Quality and Engagement Act (sharepoint.com)</a>	Not Applicable
Parthau Ansawdd: Domains of Quality <a href="#">Quality and Engagement Act (sharepoint.com)</a>	2.1 Managing Risk and Promoting Health and Safety
Amcanion Strategol y BIP: UHB Strategic Objectives:	5. Safe sustainable, accessible and kind care
Amcanion Cynllunio Planning Objectives	Not Applicable
Amcanion Llesiant BIP: UHB Well-being Objectives: <a href="#">Hyperlink to HDdUHB Well-being Objectives Annual Report 2021-2022</a>	10. Not Applicable

<b>Gwybodaeth Ychwanegol: Further Information:</b>	
Ar sail tystiolaeth: Evidence Base:	N/A
Rhestr Termau: Glossary of Terms:	Contained within the body of the report
Partion / Pwyllgorau â ymgynhorwyd ymlaen llaw y Pwyllgor Ansawdd Iechyd a Diogelwch: Parties / Committees consulted prior to Health and Safety Committee:	Executive Team

<b>Effaith: (rhaid cwblhau) Impact: (must be completed)</b>	
<b>Ariannol / Gwerth am Arian: Financial / Service:</b>	N/A
<b>Ansawdd / Gofal Claf: Quality / Patient Care:</b>	Noted in the body of the report
<b>Gweithlu: Workforce:</b>	Noted in the body of the report

<b>Risg: Risk:</b>	Noted in the body of the report
<b>Cyfreithiol: Legal:</b>	Noted in the body of the report
<b>Enw Da: Reputational:</b>	Noted in the body of the report
<b>Gyfrinachedd: Privacy:</b>	N/A
<b>Cydraddoldeb: Equality:</b>	N/A