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Dear Chief Executive,

OUR BIG NHS CHANGE

I strongly disagree with the options presented in the Health Board's latest consultation. I have always been a big believer in public consultations, but when a consultation includes the same outcome for each option then it comes across as meaningless. However, as I believe we will disagree regarding the options presented I am writing to you today to address the consultation as a matter of urgency, as I believe a variety of actions are needed to encourage people to engage. Therefore, would you be willing to answer the following questions:

1. The consultation dates advertised now only include two dates in May for people in Pembrokeshire, with one in the North of the County and the other in the South. These are both at the same time. Would Hywel Dda University Health Board be prepared to organise more sessions in Pembrokeshire at different times to ensure those who have commitments during the proposed times can attend?
2. The consultation involves potential consultees coming to you. Would Hywel Dda University Health Board be prepared to run a Facebook Live event to reach a larger audience to increase consultation engagement rates?
3. The outcome of the consultation will be extremely important to people in the Hywel Dda area. Would Hywel Dda University Health Board hold its meeting where the responses are discussed in the Pembrokeshire County Council chamber or another facility which allows for webcasting?
4. The questions within the consultation document are extremely wordy in places. Would Hywel Dda University Health Board be prepared to simplify the consultation document to ensure it is understood and easy to fill in?
5. The three options presented to those in Hywel Dda all include a new hospital and A&E being removed from Withybush. Can I have your assurance as chief executive that the consultation responses will be listened to even if residents in Pembrokeshire choose an option different to what is presented?

I will be making this letter public due to high public interest in the matter.

Yours faithfully,

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