

PUNCHESTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Dear Sirs

Closure of accident and emergency at Withybush General Hospital

On behalf of Punctheston Community Council I write to raise our objection to the current proposals to close the accident and emergency units at Withybush General Hospital, Haverfordwest and ask you to reject the proposed closure. The area which the Community Council serves is a rural area which is a minimum twenty five minute drive from Haverfordwest. Closing the A&E unit will mean that our nearest emergency unit will be at least 50 minute drive away from our community, and longer during heavy traffic or in the event of a road closure. Should anyone in the community suffer a suspected stroke, heart attack, or meningitis where time is of an essence, then this delay in reaching hospital could have fatal consequences.

This proposal would deprive the Pembrokeshire people of a necessary and very well used facility. The current A&E services are already stretched, with long waiting times, so it is difficult to understand why closing this essential service would benefit the people of Pembrokeshire not to mention the additional pressure that will be put on the ambulance services. This proposal should be rejected.

Yours faithfully



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