

Reference:	FOI.15123.24
Subject:	Emergency roof repairs in Bronglais General Hospital (BGH),
Date of Request:	22 August 2024

Requested:

Thank you for your helpful response FOI.14947.24. However, I request a review of the information to include clarification of the following sentence.

“Following investigation, a decision was made in mid-May 2024, that Meurig Ward should be closed, and repairs should be made to the entire medical block roof; it was agreed to empty the ward by Friday 31 May 2024.”

Please specify if possible, the exact date the decision was made and what ‘immediate effect’ did the agreement to empty the Meurig Ward have on other wards.

Response:

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) confirms that following an estates inspection, a four (4) bedded bay on Meurig Ward was closed to admissions on 8 May 2024. On further inspection and consideration of works to repair the roof, a decision was made on 15 May 2024 to stop admissions to Meurig Ward, with a view to closing it completely by the end of May 2024 in readiness for the repairs to commence.

The initial impact of the closure of Meurig Ward was not pronounced and was mitigated to a greater extent, by a reduction in overall service pressure within BGH. A decision was then made to utilise the six (6) bedded surge area within the Y Bawny Annex to create a temporary oncology admissions area whilst a decant option was sourced. The off-site decant option to Y Bwa – Hafan y Waun came into effect on 25 July 2024.