



New hospital

Where do you think it should be?



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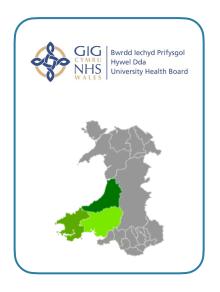
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Some words are blue and underlined.

These are links that will go to another website which has more information.

Introduction



Hywel Dda organises and provides health services in:

- Carmarthenshire.
- Ceredigion.
- Pembrokeshire.



We have 4 main hospitals:

- Bronglais in Aberystwyth.
- Glangwili in Carmarthen.
- Prince Philip in Llanelli.
- Withybush in Haverfordwest.



We are planning to build a new hospital.



We would like to know where you think our new hospital should be.



Please read this information and then tell us what you think.

You can find out how to tell us what you think on page 30.

Why change?



Our local health services face a lot of challenges. These are difficult issues that we need to work hard on.



Our main challenges are:

- People are living longer. There are more:
 - Older people.
 - People living with a long lasting health condition.



We expect there to be many more older people who will be needing care.



 In our area some people live in towns and some in the countryside.

It is hard to make sure services are in the right place for people to access.



 In our area many people live a long way from health services.

Helping people to live at home while they have care can mean a lot of travel for health workers.



 People want to be supported to look after their health in their own homes.



 About 4 out of every 10 hospital beds are filled by people who could be treated at home.



 There are differences in standards of care in our area.

Standards of care are how good care is.



 People in some parts of our area will live healthier and longer lives than people in other parts of our area.



 We are finding it hard to get enough staff. We are finding it very difficult to find specialist staff.

Specialist staff are health staff who know a lot about a type of illness, or part of the body.



 We are not using new technology well enough.

New technology includes using computers, phones and screens to care for people.



• A lot of our hospital buildings are old and need a lot of money to keep them going.

What we are planning to do

Local services



We are planning to have health and wellbeing services closer to your home.



Wellbeing means feeling happy and healthy in your body and mind.

These services:



- Will be places you can get tests, care and appointments.
- Some will have beds for patients to stay overnight.
- Some will not have beds.

Urgent and Planned Care Hospital



We will build a new hospital, called an **Urgent** and **Planned Care** Hospital.



Urgent care is care that needs to happen right away.



Planned care is care that happens at an appointment, like some operations.

The new hospital will provide:



• **Specialist care** and big operations for adults and children.

Specialist care is care given by a doctor who knows a lot about an issue.



Mental health services.



Bronglais Hospital and Prince Philip Hospital will carry on caring for people in an emergency.



But the new hospital will be the main place to go in an emergency.



People who need specialist care in an emergency will go to the new hospital instead of Bronglais Hospital or Prince Philip Hospital.

Hospitals

Bronglais Hospital will carrying on giving:



• Urgent care.



• Planned care.



If people need specialist care, they will go to the new hospital.



We will also carry on having local places where people can get care they need right away.

Prince Philip Hospital will carry on giving:



• Care for smaller injuries.



• Urgent care.



There will be beds for patients, so they can stay overnight.



They can get care from senior doctors.



Glangwili Hospital and Withybush Hospital will change into **community hospitals**.



Community hospitals will provide:

- Beds for people who need a little more treatment than they can have at home.
- Care for small injuries.
- Tests including scans.
- Midwife led services.

These hospitals will have:



• Doctors to give people the care they need right away, called urgent care.



• Care for people who can be treated without an overnight stay.



They will also have care for people with less serious needs that need to stay overnight.

Why we should have the new hospital



The new hospital will mean that:

• We can give people the best care.



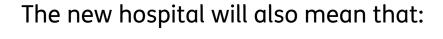
 We will have more staff in 1 place, which means that patients with serious needs can get the right care.



• There are more services we could offer from a new hospital.



• There is less difference in standards of care in different parts of our area.





• People have to wait less time for care, and it is less likely their care will be cancelled.



• We will have more money for local health services.

The new hospital will also mean that:



 Staff will like working at the new hospital, because they will have all the right staff and equipment in 1 place.

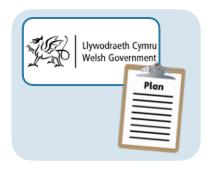


 We can provide quick care for people who need a test or an operation.



• We will use less energy, because the buildings will be more modern.

What we have done so far



We have written a plan for our new hospital, and sent it to the Welsh Government.



If the Welsh Government agree with our plan, they will give us money to buy the land where we will build the new hospital.



If they agree with our plan, there are more steps that we need to take before they give us to build the hospital.



This could take several years.

Looking at where the new hospital should be



We want the hospital to be somewhere that people can get to by car in 1 hour.



We chose 3 places that would be best for a new hospital.



The 3 choices for where the new hospital should be are:

- Whitland Spring Gardens. This is close to the centre of Whitland.
- Whitland Tŷ Newydd. This is less than 1 mile from the centre of Whitland.



• St Clears, near where the roads called the A40 and A477 meet.

What is the same for all 3 places



All 3 places:

• Are big enough for the new hospital.



• Are on farmland that has not been built on before.



• Are close to small towns with shops, schools and houses.



• Have buses going to Haverfordwest and Carmarthen.

All 3 places also:



• Can get gas, electricity and water.



• Would need better roads.



- Would let us build the hospital in a way that:
 - Gets good sunlight
 - Makes the best use of nature and the local area.



We think it would cost the same to build a new hospital in all 3 places.

But there will be some different extra costs for the different places.

What is different



There are some differences between the different places.

Guidelines



There are rules, called guidelines, about how many people each part of a hospital needs to care for.



In Whitland Spring Gardens and Whitland Tŷ Newydd, some parts of the hospital might not be able to care for enough people to meet these rules.



This could mean that we do not get enough staff for those parts of the hospital.

Getting there



In Whitland Spring Gardens and Whitland Tŷ Newydd, it would take 9 minutes longer **on average** than now to get to hospital in an emergency.



On average means that when you add it up for everyone, this will be the difference for most people.

For some people, the difference in time might be more or less than this.



In St Clears, it would take 6 minutes longer on average than now to get to hospital in an emergency.



For people who would drive to Glangwili Hospital now, it would take on average:



 13 minutes longer to get to Whitland Spring Gardens and Whitland Tŷ Newydd.



• 7 minutes longer to get to St Clears.



For people who would drive to Withybush Hospital now, it would take, on average:



 12 minutes longer to get to Whitland Spring Gardens and Whitland Tŷ Newydd.



• 14 minutes longer to get to St Clears.



Whitland Tŷ Newydd would need a new road from the main road.



Whitland Tŷ Newydd is closest to a train station.



St Clears is furthest from a train station.

Flooding



There is not much chance of Whitland Spring Gardens flooding.

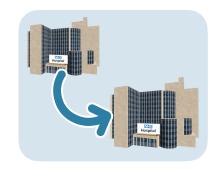


There is a chance a small part of Whitland Tŷ Newydd could flood. We would not build on that part.



There is no chance that St Clears could flood.





We might be able to make the hospital buildings bigger in the future.



There is less space for this at Whitland Spring Gardens and St Clears than there is at Whitland Tŷ Newydd

Making electricity



We might be able to make electricity at Whitland Tŷ Newydd.



Money

We think that building the hospital will cost about £736.9 million.

But there would be an extra cost for each place:



• £19.9 million if we built in Whitland Spring Gardens.



• £28.2 million if we built in Whitland Tŷ Newydd.



• £20.7 million if we built in St Clears.

Getting around



We want people to:

• Get care closer to their homes.



 Not go into hospital if they do not need to.



We have written a plan about helping staff and patients get around more easily. You can read it here:

hduhb.nhs.wales/new-hospital-site



The plan is not in Easy Read. It is in the part of the website called 'Technical Documents'.



Going to the new hospital

Almost everyone will be able to get to the new hospital by car in under 1 hour.



At the new hospital, we will have more doctors who can give people the care they need right away.

We want to make it as easy as possible for people to go to the new hospital by:



• Walking.



• Cycling.



Buses and trains.

Being fair to everyone



It is important that our plans are fair to everyone.



We have spoken to different groups of local people to check that we are being fair.

We will carry on doing this.



We have written a document called an Equality and Health Impact Assessment (EHIA) which explains how we are being fair to everyone.



We want to know if our plans will affect you.



You can find out more about this by emailing us at:

hyweldda.engagement@wales.nhs.uk

The future



We have thought about how our plans will affect people in the future.



We want to work in a way that:

• Is good for the **environment**.

The **environment** is where we live. It includes the land, the sea, the air and everything that lives in and on it. For example, plants, animals and fish.



• Means that everyone gets the same chance at getting good care.

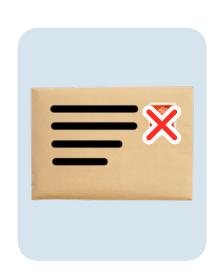


• Is good for staff and local people.

What do you think?



Please tell us what you think about our plans.



You can do this by:

• Filling out the questionnaire with this booklet and posting it to:

Opinion Research Services FREEPOST SS1018 PO Box 530 Swansea SA1 1ZL

You will not need a stamp.



• Going to our website:

hduhb.nhs.wales/new-hospital-site



Emailing us at: hyweldda.engagement@wales.nhs.uk



You can also tell us what you think by:

 Coming to an event and talking to us.

You can find out about our events on our website.



• Phoning us:

0300 303 8322



- Twitter. You should mention:
 - @HywelDdaHB
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Please tell us what you think before 19 May 2023.

For more information



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