

Dear Ms Paterson,

I am aware that I have precipitated the issue and that having resigned the GMS Contract I have no say in the proceedings. Also, I understand that this is not a negotiation and that the Health Board has to go through their due process.

I'm not even asking anyone to reply, but, for the record, **I believe that List Dispersal of St David' patients is a bad option.**

List Dispersal is bad for patients as the number of patients at Solva Surgery would more than double overnight on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024. Is there currently the space, Admin Staff, Nursing Staff or Dr's to manage that influx?

List Dispersal is bad for patients due to demographics. I believe our current list of >2700 patients is ~30% > 65yrs old. If the patients can't drive or be driven, how do they get to an appointment at Solva, on a 2hourly bus?

List Dispersal is bad for patients as it means that after seeing the Dr in Solva, a patient would then have to travel to St Davids to get any prescriptions dispensed.

List Dispersal is bad for patients as the Health Board is taking away patient choice about where they wish to be registered. List Dispersal effectively means a contraction of the Practice Area. St Davids patients on the east side may get sent to Fishguard and patients to the south of Solva may get sent to Haverfordwest, possibly against their wishes.

The List Dispersal option is also being propagated using the uncertainty of the future of the St Davids Surgery building as the lease will end in Sept 2028 though it could well be earlier. The lease isn't being renewed but hasn't been terminated yet and as I haven't signed an early termination agreement, the Health Board does not know when the lease will end. Also, my understanding is that the Health Board still hasn't agreed a lease with the owner of Solva Surgery so to imply that there are available premises in Solva but in St Davids is at least mis-leading.

List Dispersal is also bad for my Staff as the uncertainty is now making some consider leaving, now/soon, despite yours and my requests that they stay calm and await the Health Board's decision. I am currently actively trying to encourage staff to stay.

For transparency, I have to say that List Dispersal is personally bad for me as well though I know and was warned that this is no longer a Health Board concern since I resigned the GMS contract.

Finally, regrettably, the English printed information leaflets that were supplied to us to give out to patients have not been printed out correctly (implying that they weren't checked) and the most important Question, No. 6, has been axed/truncated (scanned copy attached), what a mess.

As I said, I know I don't have a say, and I am not trying to be difficult but I'm sending this email so there is a record, thank you.

Yours sincerely,  
Dr Stephen Riley  
GP, St Davids

# The future of St David's Surgery

In response to Dr Riley asking for help in running the Practice, the Health Board is considering closing St David's Surgery (and in the process **saving themselves many tens of thousands of pounds**).

The only option that the Health Board is currently considering for patients is to move most to Solva Surgery, the rest would be moved to Fishguard or Haverfordwest, i.e. "**List Dispersal**".

## **List Dispersal to Solva, or further afield;**

- **is bad for patients as you'll have to travel further for appointments,**

Our current list of over 2700 patients is ~30% over 65yrs old. If patients can't drive or be driven, they will have to go to on an infrequent bus.

- **is bad for patients due to lack of capacity,**

The number of patients at Solva Surgery would go from ~2000 to over 4000 overnight on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024. They currently don't have the space, Admin, Nurses or Dr's.

- **is bad for patients as access times to see a GP will likely rise,**

Whereas most patients are seen or spoken to at St Davids within 1-2 working days this will likely take longer elsewhere.

- **is bad for patients as there's no Pharmacy in Solva,**

After seeing the Dr in Solva, a patient would have to travel to St Davids for any prescriptions.

We would therefore ask the Health Board to take over running St Davids Surgery in the short term while a longer term solution for the patients of the St Davids peninsula can be agreed.