

Comments received by Llais via inbox/telephone to 12/06/24

1. I understand there is a consultation on closing St Davids Surgery and dispersing patients to Solva, Fishguard or Haverfordwest surgeries. I would like to express my deep concern over this. Fishguard surgery will be unable to cope. They have already seen a huge increase of patients from the Goodwick Surgery when this closed. It is really very difficult to get an appointment at Fishguard Surgery as it is. Often there are no routine appointments to book in advance and we are told to ring at 8.30am for an emergency appointment, even when it's not an emergency. When it does become an emergency then it is unfair that these appointments have been taken up by non emergencies. I have first hand experience of these difficulties from a few years ago when my Father almost died due to the lack of appointments and communication there. It was a horrendous time and I wasn't the only one. I have to say that, in all honesty, I feel that may have improved but if there were to be a large increase of patients again then this will lead to serious complications or even deaths.

I think that although the staff try to do their best, sometimes there are issues beyond their control due to increased patient numbers, lack of social care, staff shortages arising from illness, recruitment, funding, etc, and this is when huge cracks or craters arise in basic levels of care which then escalate into critical situations.

I genuinely feel that the people here in Pembrokeshire or anywhere North of Carmarthen don't matter to anyone; lets close their surgeries, close the drop in centres and mental health facilities, close the hospitals and care homes, and when we all die off there will be more second homes for the rich who can afford their own private healthcare whilst on their holidays.

We pay our taxes at the same rate as those in the South of the Country, why should we have to travel 15 miles to see a Doctor or nurse or 50 miles to the nearest hospital or up to 300 hundred miles if you need certain specialists? Please listen to us (if we matter at all).

2. Phone call received: Client has rung and is wanting to raise a concern over the closure of St David's Surgery. They want their main points to be noted. They have seen the two options on offer, if they end up being transferred to Fishguard/ Solva they want to know how this would affect housebound patients who require home visits.

-Called back and discussed concerns, individual lives in St David's, has Parkinson's and struggles to use public transport. Has concerns over availability of taxis and cost. Also has concerns that bus service options are difficult to use and could lead to long waits at bus-stops in bad weather. Signposted to Health Board re. concerns about home visits.

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3. Member of public emailed with concerns and highlighted change.org petition which has comments that they feel should be captured - [Petition · Save St. Davids Surgery, Pembrokeshire - United Kingdom · Change.org](#)