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Dear Stakeholder

Re: Meddygfa'r Sarn

At its meeting in January 2026 the Health Board discussed a recommendation from a Vacant Practice Panel that the patient list of Meddygfa'r Sarn be dispersed over neighbouring practices closest to the patient's home address (namely Coalbrook Surgery in Pontyberem, Meddygfa Minafon in Kidwelly or Ash Grove Surgery in Llanelli) and that Meddygfa'r Sarn would close later this year. The Board has asked that an eight-week period of public engagement is undertaken and has committed to considering the recommendation along with the outcome of the engagement at its meeting in May 2026. As part of our period of public and stakeholder engagement we would like to understand your views on this potential change.

Meddygfa'r Sarn continues to be open as usual while we work through this process and until such point as a decision is made and any associated notice periods are worked through.

Whilst the Vacant Practice Panel considered a number of other options, they recommended that the practice list was dispersed as this was considered to be the most viable option to support the future provision of general medical services to patients and sustainable Primary Care for the area. As you will be aware Meddygfa'r Sarn is dependent entirely on locum GPs for medical cover, and the premises is small which restricts the services that can be offered.

The Health Board is engaging with patients and local stakeholders between 9 February and 6 April 2026. The Health Board is also writing to patients and asking them to complete a questionnaire (electronic or paper format).

The Health Board is also holding two public engagement drop-in events for small-group discussions with Health Board representatives, and as a stakeholder you are welcome to join us at one of these:

Date Tuesday 24 February, 1pm - 6.30pm (drop-in anytime)  
Venue Pontyates Welfare Hall, Heol Y Meinciau, Pontyates, SA15 5TR

Date Tuesday 3 March, 3pm -6.00pm (drop-in anytime)  
Venue Pontyberem Memorial Hall, 9 Coalbrook Road, Pontyberem, SA15 5HU

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**Dr Neil Wooding CBE**  
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**Professor Phil Kloor**

Alternatively, you can contact the Health Board to feedback your views to us:

- online via our 'Have Your Say' website at [www.haveyoursay.hduhb.wales.nhs.uk](http://www.haveyoursay.hduhb.wales.nhs.uk), or by scanning the QR code for the electronic version of this questionnaire. You do not need to register to participate.



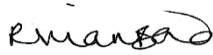
- by telephone to the Health Board's Communications Hub on 0300 303 8322 (option 5)
- by email to [ask.hdd@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:ask.hdd@wales.nhs.uk)

You can also feedback your views to Llais at [www.llaiswales.org](http://www.llaiswales.org)

**Please feedback your views by Monday 6 April 2026.** All feedback received by this deadline will be collated and reported to the Board ahead of the meeting in May 2026 when the recommendation will be considered.

The Health Board appreciates the continuing support given by the community to the team at Meddygfa'r Sarn through this challenging period.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Rhian Bond'.

Rhian Bond  
Assistant Director of Primary Care