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Changes to some of our healthcare services



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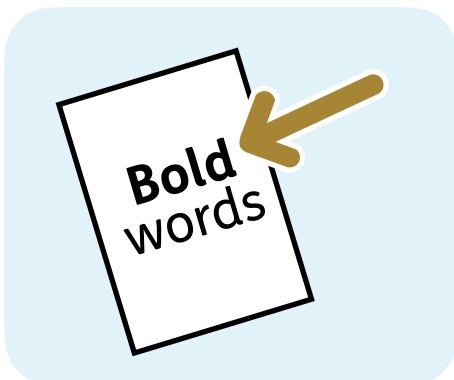


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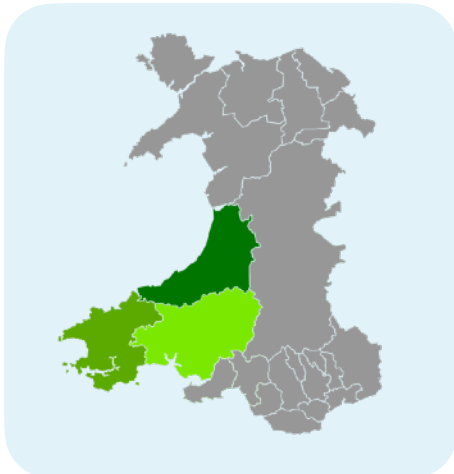
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About this booklet



This booklet is from Hywel Dda University Health Board.



We provide healthcare services to people living in and near:

- Carmarthenshire.
- Ceredigion.
- Pembrokeshire.



This booklet is about changes we are making to some of our services.

The changes



We are making changes to some of our services, which take place in hospitals and local health care centres across the area.

The 4 main hospitals are:

1. Bronglais Hospital in Aberystwyth.
2. Glangwili Hospital in Carmarthen.
3. Prince Philip Hospital in Llanelli.
4. Withybush Hospital in Haverfordwest.



Critical care services



Critical care services treat patients who are very ill or might die.

Critical care services include:



- **Intensive Care Units (ICUs)**, which treat patients who are very ill or may die.



- **Enhanced Care Units**, which treat patients who are very ill but do not need as much care as patients in ICUs.

We have decided that:



- Bronglais Hospital, Glangwili Hospital and Wthybush Hospital will still have ICUs.



- Prince Philip Hospital's ICU will change to an Enhanced Care Unit.



- Patients at Prince Philip Hospital who need to go to an ICU will be moved to Glangwili Hospital.



- Critical care staff will be supported to work across all 4 hospitals.

This is so they can share their skills across all 4 hospitals.

Dermatology services



Dermatology services treat patients who are having health problems with their skin, hair, and nails.

We have decided that:



- Prince Philip Hospital will have **specialist** dermatology services.

Specialist services provide expert care for a certain issue.



- Other dermatology services will be provided at:

- Cardigan Integrated Care Centre.
- South Pembrokeshire Hospital.
- Local GP practices.

We have also decided that:



- Dermatology services for children will be provided at a new health care centre.

The new health care centre will be called Cross Hands Health Centre, and it will be built in the future.



- Over the next 2 to 4 years, we will see if some small skin **surgeries** can be done in GP practices.



Surgery and **surgeries** are when a health professional cuts open a part of your body to fix something wrong.

Emergency general surgery services



Emergency general surgery services provide stomach surgery to patients who may need it straight away.

We have decided that:



- Emergency general surgery will be provided at Bronglais Hospital and Glangwili Hospital.



- Patients at Withybush Hospital who need an operation from emergency general surgery services will be moved to Glangwili Hospital.

We have also decided that:



- Surgery staff from Glangwili Hospital and Withybush Hospital will work together as 1 team from Glangwili Hospital.



- **Same-day emergency care** will be provided at Glangwili Hospital and Withybush Hospital.



Same-day emergency care is when a patient gets treated on the same day they come into the hospital. Most people do not need an operation.

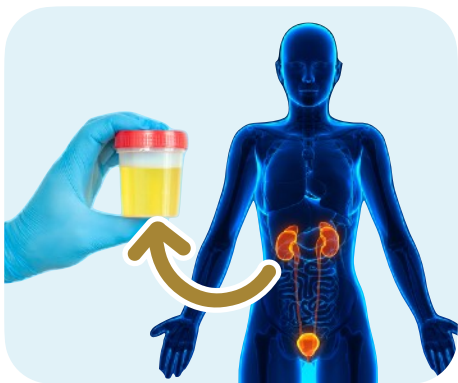
Endoscopy services



Endoscopy services use small cameras to look inside a patient's body to see if there is a health issue.

We have decided that:

- Endoscopy services for lung or **urology** problems will be provided at Prince Philip Hospital.



Urology problems are issues that affect the parts of the body that make wee, like the bladder.



- Endoscopy services for stomach problems will still be provided at all 4 hospitals.

We have also decided that:



- A new urology service, which includes endoscopy services will be set up at Prince Philip Hospital.



- In the future, we will work with local people to set up a more local endoscopy service that is not in a hospital.



- Prince Philip Hospital will have an extra endoscopy room, so that more patients can be seen.

Ophthalmology services



Ophthalmology services treat eye diseases and eye injuries.

We have decided that:



- All of the main hospital ophthalmology services will be brought together at Glangwili Hospital.



- Bronglais Hospital and Prince Philip Hospital will no longer provide ophthalmology services.

We have also decided that:



- Wwithybush Hospital will continue to do ophthalmology tests and some same-day treatments.



- Amman Valley Hospital will now provide some same-day treatments and ophthalmology surgeries.



- In the future, a new service that tests for eye diseases will be set up in Aberaeron Integrated Care Centre.

We have also decided that ophthalmology services will be available at local health centres, including:

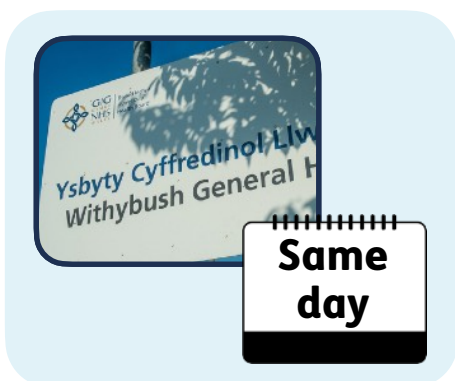


- Cardigan Integrated Care Centre.
- North Road Eye Clinic, Aberystwyth.

Orthopaedic services

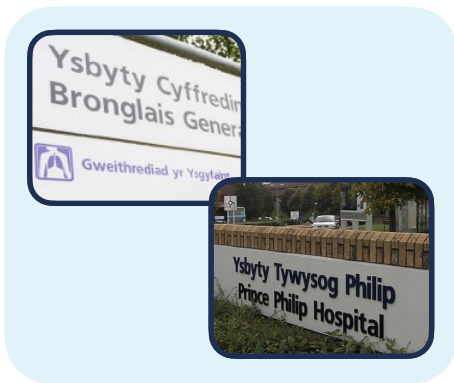


Orthopaedic services treat issues that affect bones, joints, and soft tissues, like muscles.



We have decided that same-day treatments will be provided at Withybush Hospital.

We have also decided that:



- Surgeries where you need to stay overnight will be provided at Prince Philip Hospital and Bronglais Hospital.



- Prince Philip Hospital will treat both local patients and patients from further away areas.



- Some patients may need to be treated by Swansea Bay University Health Board.

In the future, we will look at:



- Offering extra support to patients after they have had orthopaedic surgery.



- Opening orthopaedic services for longer hours.

Radiology services



Radiology services take pictures of the inside of a patient's body to find and treat diseases and injuries.

Radiology services include X-rays.



Emergency radiology services will continue to be provided at all 4 hospitals.

We have decided that:



- Bronglais Hospital will continue to provide planned and same-day radiology services.

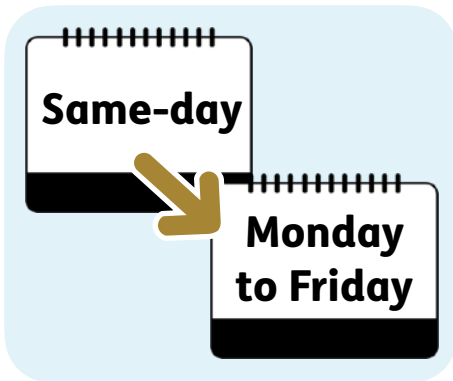
These services will run from Monday to Friday.



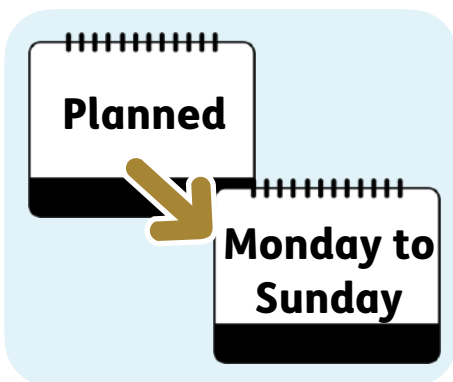
- Prince Philip Hospital and Withybush Hospital will provide planned and same-day radiology services.

These services will help people who may have cancer.

How this will work:



- Prince Philip Hospital and Withybush Hospital will provide same-day services Monday to Friday.



- Prince Philip Hospital and Withybush Hospital will provide planned services 7 days a week during the daytime.



- Glangwili Hospital will only provide radiology services that need the patient to stay in hospital overnight.



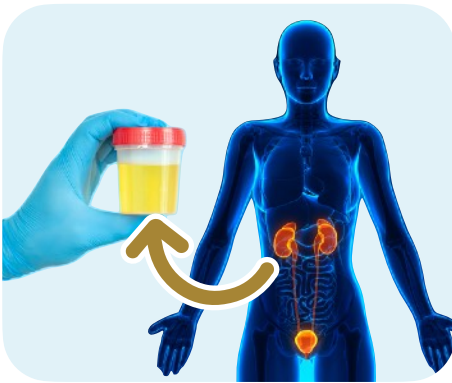
- X-ray services will be removed from Llandovery Hospital and South Pembrokeshire Hospital.



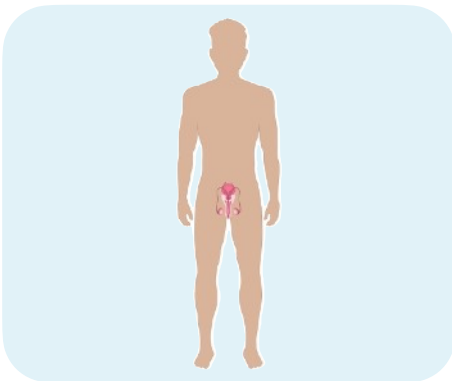
In the future, we will think about building a centre that is just for radiology services.

Urology services

Urology services treat:



- Patients who have problems with the parts of the body that make wee, like the bladder.



- Men who are having problems with their private parts, like their testicles or prostate.



We have decided that a new urology service will be set up at Prince Philip Hospital.

All urology services that are for cancer will be here.

We have also decided that:



- Endoscopy services and urology services at Prince Philip Hospital will work together.

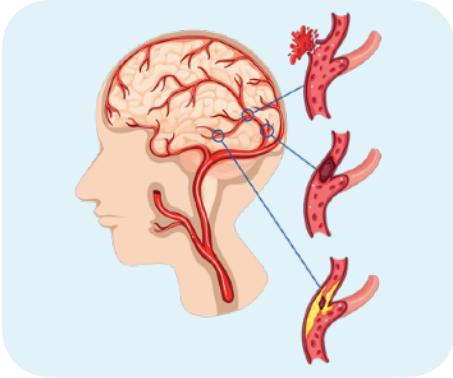


- Bronglais Hospital and Withybush Hospital will continue providing some urology services, like planned urology appointments.



- Glangwili Hospital will provide emergency urology services.

Stroke services in the future



Stroke services treat and support people who have had a stroke.

A **stroke** happens when blood stops going to a part of your brain.



Stroke services are becoming specialist services rather than general services.



We also want to make changes to our stroke services, but we have not made any final decisions yet.



We need to talk to local people again about our new ideas first.

Some possible changes include:



- Bronglais Hospital could provide **stroke rehabilitation services.**

Stroke rehabilitation services help patients get better after having a stroke.



- Glangwili Hospital could provide specialist stroke services all day and night.



- Other hospitals would still provide some stroke treatment before patients are moved to Glangwili for specialist stroke services.

In the future

Going forward, these changes will mean that:



- Bronglais Hospital continues to improve the different services it provides.



- Glangwili Hospital focuses more on emergency health care and treatment.



- Prince Philip Hospital focuses more on planned care and treatment, as well as working closely with other hospitals in Swansea Bay Health Board.



- Withybush Hospital focuses more on planned care and treatment.

We also hope that these changes will make sure that:



- Our services are safe and give the best care.



- Patients do not have to wait as long for treatment.



- Our services have enough staff to make sure that everyone who needs treatment gets it.



We understand that our changes mean some patients will need to travel further to use services.



We will continue to work with local people to see what else we can do to make sure our services meet everyone's needs.

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