

**Hywel Dda University Health Board  
NHS Future Fit consultation**

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A significant proportion of acute activity delivered at the Bronglais General Hospital is provided not only to the Ceredigion residents of Hywel Dda University Health Board (HDdUHB) but also to the residents of its neighbouring Health Boards - Betsi Cadwaladr University and Powys Teaching Health Boards. Due to Bronglais General Hospital being a small District General Hospital it is essential that there are effective networks in place with its partners both within Wales and across the border in England in order to ensure the provision of effective care for its catchment population.

The HDdUHB Transforming Clinical Services(TCS) consultation recognised Bronglais General Hospital as a strategically important hospital for Mid-Wales serving Ceredigion, Powys and South Gwynedd. The Health Board is currently re-appraising how the hospital can best serve its catchment population for which a Clinical Strategy is currently under development and will form part of the University Health Board's TCS consultation considerations in September and November 2018 Board meetings. The Strategy's vision for Bronglais is that it will play an integral role in supporting and delivering care closer to home and will meet the majority of the Mid Wales population's secondary care needs. One of the strategy's objectives is to develop effective networks to deliver safe and sustainable pathways of care. As such we welcome the opportunity to feedback on the NHS Future Fit consultation.

It should be noted that the principles of the model of care being proposed by the Future Fit consultation are consistent with the principles of the HDdUHB Transforming Clinical Services consultation which is due to report to its Board meeting later this month. Our key points in response to the two options being proposed are as follows:

**Option 1**

- There are already well established clinical networks and pathways in place between Bronglais General Hospital and Shrewsbury Hospital with work on-going on strengthening these further. Option 1 would provide more opportunities for closer working between Shrewsbury Hospital and Bronglais Hospital for the delivery of services for the Bronglais catchment area. This option would also support the work which is on-going on strengthening the clinical networks and pathways between these two hospitals.
- Patients from the Bronglais Hospital catchment area who need to be referred to SaTH based hospital services for more complex treatment would not incur any unnecessary travel.

**Option 2**

- If option 2 were the preferred option then it would be necessary to review and re-align existing networks and build new clinical relationships. This option would undo all the positive work which has been undertaken between Bronglais and Shrewsbury Hospitals.

- Potential impact on capacity at Bronglais General Hospital due to additional activity from patients being directed to Bronglais (due to their home address being closer to Aberystwyth than Telford) in order to minimise travel time.
- Concerns regarding the potential lack of availability of consultant cover from Telford for outreach clinics and other activities for hospitals in Powys. This would impact on patients within the Bronglais catchment area who require access to community services in Powys. There would also be potential capacity issues for Bronglais Hospital to treat those patients who are unable to access outreach clinics and other activities in Powys.
- Patients from the Bronglais Hospital catchment area who require referral to SaTH hospital services for complex treatment would have to travel further for treatment.

In summary our preferred option is Option 1 'The Emergency Care site is the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital in Shrewsbury and the Planned Care site is the Princess Royal Hospital in Telford.'

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