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Developing our Clinical Services Strategy



Briefing – 8 January 2013



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The purpose of this briefing is to inform staff and stakeholders about progress with activities in relation to the Health Board's Clinical Service Strategy process which is aimed at building a high quality and sustainable healthcare system within the Hywel Dda healthcare area.

'Your Health, Your Future: Consulting Our Communities'

Extraordinary board meeting to consider healthcare consultation

Hywel Dda Health Board will consider consultation feedback and evidence in order to make decisions on how it can provide first class healthcare services to the local population at an extraordinary board meeting on Tuesday January 15.

The Health Board has been considering feedback on its proposed changes since the 'Your Health, Your Future' consultation closed at the end of October 2012. It has also been considering any additional information put forward, together with alternative suggestions, ideas and equality implications. This feedback will inform and change our recommendations.

We have undertaken extensive and lengthy engagement during the past two years, and more recently a formal consultation. We have been considering interim feedback since the close of consultation and, along with other evidence, and in light of the challenges the NHS faces, the Board will consider a number of recommendations at its meeting on Tuesday January 15. We would like to remind everyone that any changes approved by the Board will be made to ensure improved outcomes for our patients and to secure safe and sustainable services for the future across Hywel Dda and beyond. We will not compromise on patient safety.

We continue to work closely with key stakeholders, including the Community Health Council in this post-consultation period, as well as with the Consultation Institute to ensure compliance with best practice standards for consultation.

We are extremely grateful that so many people took the time and trouble to let us know their views. There has been a considerable amount of debate and we know that many of our staff, stakeholders and patients are eagerly awaiting both the results of consultation and final decisions on any changes.

We thank you for your continued patience; this process has been extremely important and valuable and has further demonstrated how important the NHS is to all of us.

At the special Board meeting, members will need to weigh up a range of options that have been expressed during the consultation and consider the implications of these for the proposals that were originally put forward. To help with this, independent social research company, Opinion Research Services, has provided a full report - Balancing Opinions - of their independent analysis of consultation findings. This is being published by the Health Board on its website – www.hywelddahb.wales.nhs.uk - and will be available from Tuesday 8 January.

The report explains that consultation feedback must inform and ensure accountability but due to its very nature cannot be a referendum. All feedback, whether it be via the household or open survey, focus group, petition, submission or meeting, has given invaluable insight and will be given full consideration by the Board.



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