

Committee for the Improvement of Hospital Services

Save Our Services

The SOSPPAN Campaign



Prince Philip Action Network

8Weeks ago when I phoned PPH We had an A & E Department!!



We had a meeting 4 weeks ago in Haverfordwest with the Hywel Dda Local Health Board who told us that they wanted to remove the A.& E. sign at PPH because it was no longer valid

Destruction of our Hospital

Were we Right to be Surprised?

These Emergencies **Cannot be Treated** in Prince Philip Hospital **Now**

- Surgical Emergencies
- Acute Medicine
- Cardiology
- Trauma
- Children
- Head Injuries
- Maternity
- Gynaecology
- Ears and Nose,
- Throat and Eye



- Plus Pathology (and more recently they are after Ward 5)

Without any consultation whatsoever they have stolen our services from PPH and centralised them in Carmarthen and in the future plan at Withybush

Admissions in the STAR

- The Consultant in emergency medicine and clinical programme director for unscheduled care Hywel Dda Health Board - writes:

“For too long the general public of Llanelli have had the mistaken perception that they may lose their local accident and emergency department when in fact Prince Philip Hospital has not possessed such a unit for a number of years Patients would continue to be seen at Prince Philip if the unit was renamed urgent care centre ...We risk providing an out of date model that doesn't provide patients with the best and safest emergency care.”

- I would like him to explain why it is better for the people of Llanelli to have the Emergency Service provision in Glangwili rather than Prince Philip? Why would that be outdated?
- He asks us to read the health board's discussion document. I would ask you to as well because I have read it and it is an uncoded, unproven and non specific document which talks in vague terms of a utopian impractical solution based around clinicians and not delivering a viable or realistic service to the public.

Admissions in the STAR

Next to his letter of smug self righteousness there is one from a 78 year old man who took his wife into the “A.& E.” at Prince Philip at 09.00 where she was seen by the excellent staff and tests were carried out....but her pain was not relieved although they tried but because we don't have a Urology Department at Llanelli anymore

He was told to take his wife to Glangwili A & E with the test results from PPH (there was no ambulance available) and they got there at 17.00.

At 18.30 she still hadn't been seen (remember his wife has been in agony all this time) and eventually was seen at 20.00.

The consultant left to check with colleagues and the gentleman returned home at 23.00 so he could get some rest leaving his wife in Glangwili.

At 01.00 the following morning his wife was told there was a bed available but the consultant couldn't do any thing further apart from give her pain killers.

At 02.00 his wife was discharged and although she asked if her husband could pick her up at 07.00 she was told to ring him at 02,30 to collect her.

So this 78 year old had to drive to Glangwili at 02.30 in the morning in the ice...

And they wonder why we don't believe that the Service is working – because its not...

Destruction of our Hospital

Senior medic's Prince Philip Hospital battle cry



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Wednesday, February 08, 2012

A SENIOR member of medical staff at Prince Philip Hospital has called for the people of Llanelli to join together to ensure services remain that they want from the future.

The whistleblower, who has spoken out anonymously for fear of losing his job, claims to be

They have not been truthful

<p>3. Concerns about our local hospital, will it be downgraded?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Bronglais General Hospital ▪ Glangwili General Hospital ▪ Prince Philip Hospital ▪ Withybush General Hospital 	<p>There have been suggestions that some of our District General Hospitals will be downgraded, that there is an intention to centralise services in Carmarthen and there is some form of destabilisation policy in operation.</p> <p>These are false and totally misleading and only serve to create uncertainty for local citizens. The four DGHs will remain and our clinical teams are looking at what services are needed in each of them to meet the needs of the population.</p> <p>Our framework is not about downgrading hospitals but upgrading community services.</p>
<p>4. What will District General Hospitals look like in the future?</p>	<p>Each DGH will need to provide a range of core services that are of high quality, sustainable services. This may mean that not all hospitals will provide all services. That would not be sustainable – particularly in view of the difficulties we have in recruiting to some specialisations.</p> <p>We do not as yet have any detailed plans for services but we are clear that this work needs to be led by our clinical teams. As a result we are in the middle of a series of events across a whole</p>

**Now They have a PLAN to
Reduce Services Further**

Destruction of our Hospital

But they don't want to meet you

Although they have been asked to speak this evening.

“HEALTH BOARD TURNS DOWN MEETING INVITE”

Llanelli AM Keith Davies AM and Nia Griffith MP have criticised the Hywel Dda Health Board for turning down an invitation to speak at a public meeting organised by SOSPPAN (Save Our Services Prince Philip Action Network) in February.

Their Management Team



Mr Trevor Purt
C.E.O.



Sir Jonathan Asbridge
Consultant



Mr Chris Martin
LHB Chairman

What is their Job?



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Hywel Dda
Health Board

Fixed Points

- Four Hospitals
- Safe Services
- Improved Outcomes
- Value for Money

Responding to the Rural Health Plan

- On Quality
 - Safety
 - no needless pain
 - no needless death
 - no needless harm
 - Effectiveness
 - do me some good
 - Experience
 - exceed my expectations
- On Geography
 - Right Service
 - Right Place
- On Access
 - Right Time



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The Heart of
Local Health



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What have they done?

The Rochdale Template



Mr Trevor Purt



Sir Jonathan Asbridge

What have they done?

From a report for Rochdale Council in 2007.....

- under these proposals, Rochdale Infirmary will become a new 'locality hospital'. It will have an Urgent Care Centre (UCC) in place of A&E; beds for planned surgery and selected patients with medical conditions, outpatient clinics and day surgery, a full range of diagnostic procedures, rehabilitation services and tests and a cardiology 'centre of excellence'. These hospital based services are to be complemented in Rochdale with – and the preferred option depends upon.....
..... a 'full range of health services', including the management of long-term conditions, intermediate care and rehabilitation, to be provided in the community, specifically in ten new community-based health centres to be built under the LIFT initiative.



What have they done?

From a report for Rochdale Council in 2007.....

- Under the proposals, Rochdale residents will be able to access acute medicine and A&E services at any of the three other hospitals within the Trust, the nearest of which is Fairfield Hospital, Bury, and emergency surgery at North Manchester General and Royal Oldham Hospital



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Health

Protest in Rochdale as A&E department to close doors in 10 days' time

Amanda Crook
March 25, 2011

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Rochdale Infirmary

Rochdale's A&E unit will close in 10 days and the hospital will stop accepting 999 ambulances.

Paramedics have been taking people with serious illness and injuries to neighbouring hospitals at night-time since August after hospital bosses failed to recruit enough emergency doctors.

On April 4 the Infirmary's walk-in centre will also close. The units will be replaced by an Urgent Care Centre, open round the clock, providing 85 per cent of treatment currently carried out in A&E for people who have a minor injury or illness.

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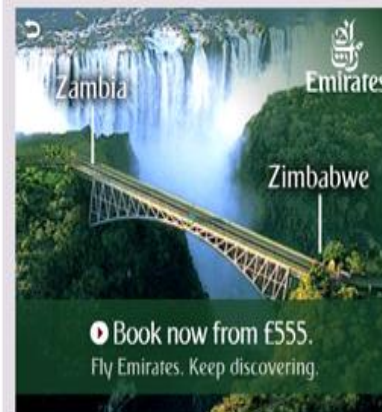
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Two patients died after waiting in ambulance outside 'full' Oldham hospital unit

Exclusive by Amanda Crook and Alice McKeegan
May 21, 2011

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Two patients died after being left waiting in ambulances outside an over-stretched hospital.

The patients, believed to have been in their 80s, couldn't get into the Royal Oldham Hospital for seven and 20 minutes respectively.

They were assessed by ambulance crews as 'very sick' and were both suspected of having suffered heart attacks.

The A&E department was so busy that all but the most urgent cases were being sent to other hospitals at the time. All five resuscitation beds at Oldham were full.

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This is what we are up against – this is why we are fighting to prevent the same happening in Llanelli

They are used to winning!!!

From a report for Rochdale Council in 2007.....

- Many of the elected representatives of the people of Rochdale, including the local Member for Parliament and local councillors through the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (OSC) as well as many in the resident population of the borough have protested against the plans.

(They have done this before – which was why they were recruited)

So are we!!!

Llanelli beat the All Blacks!

(With local people).





We must combine under one banner

Because the hospital is far more important than one person or party

(Hywel Dda LHB are trying to say that this is political therefore not representative)

(They accused the STAR, Plaid, Labour, CIHS of whipping up the fervour on Tuesday)



Everyone should be part of the SOSPPAN CAMPAIGN
It is not one person, it is not the Committee - It is all of us
Bryan, Tony, Ann, Clive.... even me
TELL YOUR FRIENDS ABOUT IT!!!!!!



Formation of New CIHS

End of November 2011

In November a Public Meeting Voted for a New
Committee for the Improvement of Hospital Services
To Be Reinvigorated to Fight Against Those Service Reductions
(Before we realised that the A & E had been removed)

Some of the old CIHS Committee + New People

All main political parties represented on the Committee:

Plaid, Independent and Labour, Llanelli Against Cuts, People First, Union
Representatives, ex members of CHC, 2 Ex Mayors, County Councillors,
Town and Rural Councillors, Medical people (Doctors and Nurses),
Architect, Business Analysts, Educationalists, Youth Leaders, an MBE etc.

It is supported by the full Town and Rural Councils, Unions, AMs and MP
Thousands of Members of the Public

CIHS – Raising the Profile



The SOSSPAN Campaign

Web Site (2000+ hits)

(www.sosppan.co.uk)

Facebook Page (900+ members)

In November our Secretary (Tony) Wrote to Mr Purt (CEO Hywel Dda)

CIHS – Raising the Profile

- 25 % of the Committee attended Carmarthen protest at Hywel Dda Board Meeting arranged by Labour with our MP in November
- Sat in on the Hywel Dda Board Meeting
- Received Letter from Chris Martin of Hywel Dda asking to meet with us to give our views of the proposals, which we accepted
- Written off for and received back many Freedom of Information requests
- Interviews with the STAR
- 8 Interviews with BBC, BBC Cymru, Radio Cymru, ITV
- 33% of Committee attended the Plaid Cymru organised demonstration
- Presentation to Women's guilds. Age Concern etc...
- Meetings with Llanelli Town and Rural Councils who have given support
- Gave presentation to Hywel Dda Board Members (Mr Purt did not attend)
- Distributed the Presentation to all local political party leaders including local MP, AMs, County Councillors, Llanelli Town and Rural Councils, the First Minister, the WAG Health Minister etc. and posted it on the Web Site (No politician can say that they are unaware of the feelings of the people of Llanelli)
- Created a Petition checked by clinicians and supported by the Town and Rural Council and the STAR (who put it online)
- 80% of Committee Members marched with Llanelli Against the Hospital Cuts
- Presented the Hywel Dda presentation to the Rural Council last Tuesday
- We were at Hywel Dda consultations last Tuesday (which were a complete shambles)
- Created T Shirts – see Tony.....

Hywel Dda LHB are in no doubt of our
Objections to their Proposals

We told them on your behalf



Presentation to Hywel Dda

Representing the People of Llanelli

Supported by the Town Council,
Rural Council all political parties

And

All the County Councillors in the
Llanelli Area

Llanelli is an Urban Community

- The Largest Town in the Hywell Dda Area.
- Llanelli Town = 60,000 people in the Town within 15 minutes of Prince Philip Hospital
- Catchment Of 100,000 people within 16 – 25 minutes of PPH in Carmarthenshire.
- Total Catchment of 250,000 within 25 minutes of PPH (Swansea County) – Cross charge services options.
- An Expanding Town , A Permanent Market, 2 Separate Retail Parks, Numerous Other Shops, Heavy Industry, A Brewery, Farms, Motorway, Chemical Plant, Steel Plant, Copious Goods Trains, A Number of Business Parks, Leisure centre, Swimming Pools, Parks, Beaches, Dock, Fisheries, Extreme Sports, Many Restaurants, an Airfield, Leisure Industry, Sea Side, Swiftly Increasing Population, Many Developments, Construction, 15,000 seater Rugby Stadium, Athletics Track, Football Park, Infrastructure Expansion, Many Hotels, Country Park, Schools, Colleges, Care Homes, Tourism, etc.....
- Also fluctuating increases in population due to commuters and shoppers coming into Llanelli

An Urgent Care Centre is the wrong option for Llanelli.



- Replacing the A&E
- Will treat minor breaks, sprains, cuts, scalds, abdominal pains, breathing difficulties, mild asthma attacks, chest infections, back pain. (Couldn't this be done by Specialist Nurses?)
- More Serious injuries and major trauma requiring specialists will go to the nearest A&E (Glangwilli) – so the most ill are the farthest away from hospital treatment.
- The UCC will NOT receive life threatening cases, or serious cases , including major trauma and injuries, major fractures (hip), chest pains, strokes, heart attacks, unconscious patients.

Our Preferred Services at Prince Philip Hospital and for Llanelli

- Major Emergency Department with all Supporting Services
- Proposed Orthopaedic Services as intimated in the Plan
- Biomedical Laboratory
- Breast Care Unit
- Rheumatology Unit
- Improved Maternity and Paediatric Provision

That's What We Told Them
We Told Them You Were Annoyed
(They Didn't Believe Us)



Letter reveals senior staff at Bronglais Hospital have 'lost confidence' in Hywel Dda plans

Rachael Misstear, WalesOnline | Feb 2 2012

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- We have to sh
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- We need to b
- Link in with C
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- Link with You
- We need to t

Hywel Dda LHB

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SENIOR medical staff at a Welsh hospital have "lost confidence" in the management of their local health board amid fears key services could be axed.

A letter signed by a majority of consultants and specialists at Aberystwyth's Bronglais Hospital claims Hywel Dda Health Board's proposals to downgrade health services in the area are contrary to what has been agreed.

They raise questions over the possibility that key services could be transferred to Carmarthen, after Hywel Dda health board published a consultation document on its clinical services strategy in December.

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Where do we go from Here?

- We need to insist on a full A & E with supporting services
- We need to continue to demand a fully costed plan with details not just options
- We need to Reply to the Plan (when it comes) with a valid solution
 - remember we are still in pre-consultation mode
- Continue to raise documented objections
- We need to Protest Together
- Plaid organising a trip to Cardiff to Protest on March 7th
- We need to organise other marches and protests
- Signatures on the Petitions
- Letters to the LHB and WAG
- Put pressure on the Administration – We must change their minds
- If this Fails we will go for a Judicial Review

We Are All Part of



We need Your Support and Your Ideas!

We can and must win this for ourselves our
children and our children's children
as our forefathers did for us.....

