**Public engagement – Maesteg Day Hospital**

Monday, 29 October 2018

ABMU is carrying out a public engagement on the proposed permanent closure of Maesteg Day Hospital, and moving the service on a permanent basis to Princess of Wales Hospital.

This will not affect any other services provided at Maesteg Community Hospital. Please note: the day hospital is not a hospital as such (despite its name) but a service within Maesteg Community Hospital.

Because of a shortage of nurses, it was necessary to temporarily close the day hospita in 2017. The intention was to reopen it in early 2018.

However, staffing issues beyond our control meant it was not possible for us to reopen it as planned.

Patients from the Llynfi Valley have instead been cared for at Princess of Wales Hospital’s Medical Day Unit.

We have been considering the best way to provide day hospital services which are of a high quality and sustainable for the people of the Llynfi Valley and Bridgend as a whole.

The public engagement, which has been agreed by the ABM Community Health Council, will run from 29th October until 21st December 2018.

It will include a public meeting in Maesteg Town Hall on Wednesday, 14th November, from 6pm-8pm.

There will also be drop-in events on Thursday 22nd November in Maesteg Community Centre and on Tuesday 4th December in Maesteg Leisure Centre.

Both will run from 9am-5pm and members of the health board will be there to answer people’s questions about the change proposed.

People can also contact the health board directly with their views.

The outcome of this engagement will be carefully considered by the Community Health Council and health board in January.

A decision will then be made as to whether the decision can be implemented, or whether further public consultation is required.

You can find the full engagement document [here](http://www.wales.nhs.uk/sitesplus/863/opendoc/333972) and response form [here](http://www.wales.nhs.uk/sitesplus/863/opendoc/333981).

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