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Dear Paul

Early Opening of The Grange University Hospital – North Gwent Flow Implications

As we move closer to the opening of the Grange University Hospital (GUH), I wanted to write to reconfirm the position for residents of Gwent in terms of patient flow in to Cwm Taf Morgannwg.

There is a long and well established Long Term Agreement with Cwm Taf Morgannwg primarily relating to the patient flow from the North of Caerphilly into Prince Charles Hospital for emergency care, and we would not wish to affect this in anyway at this time. We are also mindful that the number of Powys residents accessing services from Prince Charles Hospital will increase following the recent confirmation of flows from Powys Teaching Health Board once the GUH opens and that we will need to work together to manage the safe flow of patients across Powys Teaching Health Board, Cwm Taf Morgannwg Teaching Health Board and Aneurin Bevan University Health Board and to be cognisant of the capacity constraints across the system.

Aside of the existing patient flows, primarily from the North Caerphilly area as noted above, our position therefore is as follows:

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- When the Grange University Hospital opens, there is capacity for all patients living inside the Gwent area who require the support of an emergency department or who are having a consultant led birth to be seen at the Grange University Hospital.
- The exception to this position is for those communities who already have an established flow across to Prince Charles hospital, which will be maintained.
- All of the communities in the North of Gwent which currently use Nevill Hall Hospital for their care, will either be seen at Nevill Hall (at the minor injuries/urgent care centre) or at the Grange University Hospital.
- As per consultation on the South Wales Plan and the position of the Welsh Ambulance Services NHS Trust, those that require support for a life threatening illness/condition will always be conveyed to the nearest hospital. This is estimated to have very small impact on flows to Prince Charles Hospital with no more than an additional one case every 2-3 days.
- Whilst some risk is acknowledged in respect of patients who self-present, and an increased risk of this happening from communities who find themselves closer to Prince Charles Hospital than the Grange University Hospital, a number of mitigations will be enabled through flow mechanisms such as 111, phone first and public communications.

The above position is also fully consistent with all relevant public consultations and the GUH business case assumptions.

In order to monitor the flows across the system, discussions will continue to take place through Directors of Planning and also a weekly check-in between Health Boards to constantly review the position.

I trust that if you have any queries in relation to this position that you will not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely



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