

Brynmawr Town Council

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Dear Judith,

I hope this letter finds you well.

We, the Town and Borough Councillors that represent the Brynmawr wards in Blaenau Gwent are writing to you to express the extreme concern we have, firstly in relation to current Hospital and A&E access for Blaenau Gwent residents and those in the surrounding Boroughs, and secondly in regard to insufficient staffing levels across the Grange, Nevil Hall and Royal Gwent sites. While we welcome a new state of the art critical care facility, evidence suggests that it doesn't warrant the downgrading of provision across the other sites, which is having problematic consequences. With direct 'in confidence' discussions and complaints from staff based in the Borough that work across The Grange, Nevil Hall and the Royal Gwent sites in conjunction with the concerns, experiences & worries of the local populous that use the service, we felt compelled to write to you.

As with the many concerns raised by DR Deborah Wales (divisional director of unscheduled care at the health board), which were highlighted on BBC Wales News on the 12th of November 2020, the members and many constituents (a broad selection of whom are frontline staff at the health board) are incredibly concerned with the current provision. DR Wales' concerns regarding patient safety in regard to the lack of doctors and nurses to staff the new Grange University Hospital in Cwmbran and existing hospitals is once again consistent with the views of the staff, patients and constituents that have contacted us.