



Eich cyf/Your ref P-06-1370  
Ein cyf/Our ref EM/02621/23

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Chair - Petitions Committee  
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Dear Jack,

Thank you for your letter of 2 October regarding Petition P-06-1370 Save overnight minor injuries provision at Nevill Hall Hospital in Abergavenny.

As you know the health board is responsible for the planning and delivery of healthcare services on behalf of its local population. I am, however, aware that following a recent evaluation of minor injury unit (MIU) services within the health board area, the health board has identified an imbalance between opening hours and patient demand across the units. In recognition of the low overnight patient demand at some sites (on average one patient between 1am and 7am at Nevill Hall Hospital), the health board is seeking to ensure that this valuable staff resource is used as effectively as possible and that clinical teams can maintain their skills.

The health board commenced a formal public engagement process on 11<sup>th</sup> September, which will run until 1<sup>st</sup> December, and I would encourage all interested parties to engage in that process. More information can be found at:

[Provision of Minor Injury Unit Services 12-week Engagement - Aneurin Bevan University Health Board \(nhs.wales\).](#)

No decision will be made by the health board until after the formal public engagement process has concluded in December. If the current proposals were implemented, minor injury services would continue to be maintained at Nevill Hall Hospital in Abergavenny for 18 hours a day, seven days a week between 7.00am and 1.00am, and at Ysbyty Aneurin Bevan in Ebbw Vale for 10 hours between 9.00am and 7.00pm Monday to Friday. Minor injury services will continue to be provided at the Royal Gwent Hospital in Newport on a 24-

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hour basis, and the Grange University Hospital continues to provide 24/7 emergency department services for any more significant injuries or medical conditions.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M. E. Morgan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

**Eluned Morgan AS/MS**

Y Gweinidog Iechyd a Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol  
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