

P-04-431 : Against health cuts from the residents of Pembrokeshire

Petition wording:

**SWAT (Save Withybush Action Team) have fought for the retention of safe, effective and accessible secondary health care services for the people of Pembrokeshire since 2005.**

On behalf of SWAT I call upon the National Assembly for Wales to urge the Welsh Government to ensure that the plans for Secondary Healthcare provision currently being consulted on in the Hywel Dda Health Board area will maintain the present level of services available at Withybush Hospital. The 14000 signatories on the petitions delivered to your office by SWAT do not agree with the preferred option of the Hywel Dda health Board to centralize most inpatient services on the Glangwili site. It is quite clear to the people of Pembrokeshire and elsewhere who have signed these petitions that if centralization of services is required then Withybush should be the preferred site. This would provide an equitable, accessible, safe and sustainable Secondary Healthcare service for the whole of the Hywel Dda Health Board area whereas centralizing services on the Glangwili site would seriously disadvantage the people of Pembrokeshire.

Petition raised by: **SWAT (Save Withybush Action Team)**

Date petition first considered by Committee: **6 November 2012**

Number of signatures: **Associated petition collected approximately 14,000 signatures. Associated petition collected approximately 14,000 signatures. Of these 14,000 signatures, over 10,000 signatures were collected for a petition which specifically called for the Special Care Baby Unit at Withybush to be saved, and 4,000 signatures for petitions which called for all services at Withybush to be protected.**