Rydym yn croesawu gohebiaeth yn y Gymraeg neu'r Saesneg.

Atebir gohebiaeth Gymraeg yn y Gymraeg, ac ni fydd hyn yn arwain at oedi.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English. Welsh language correspondence will be replied to in Welsh, and this will not lead to a delay.

**Merger of Alfred Street Primary Care Centre, Rosedale Medical Practice and Waterside Medical Practice**

**Information Leaflet**

The Swansea Bay University Health Board has received an application from the Partners of Alfred Street Primary Care Centre, Rosedale Medical Practice and Waterside Medical Practice to merge.

A partnership currently exists between Dr Williams, Dr Perry, Dr Moore and Dr Mellin who hold three separate General Medical Service (GMS) contracts for the three General Practice sites. All three surgeries currently operate five days per week and have a shared workforce. A business case prepared by the Practice was submitted to the Health Board setting out a proposal to merge all three GMS contracts under the current partnership.

The merging of the GMS contracts will allow the practices to form a larger business structure, serving a patient population of circa 12,686 over three General Practice sites and future proofing the practices in terms of sustainability.

The Practices currently operate a same day, telephone first model, with the option for pre bookable appointments, and benefit from a large multidisciplinary team.

The proposed merger will not change the current clinical or management structure and there will be no new additions to the partnership. All three practices will continue to share their workforce across all sites.

Waterside Health Centre will become the main premises due to its central location, accessibility to other sites and bus routes, whilst offering a large carpark to accommodate patients. There is no proposed change to boundaries. All patients are registered under a “Pooled GP” so there is no requirement for patients to be reallocated.

Services will continue to be provided on all sites as currently provided for existing patients however, patients may choose to attend a different surgery premises to access medical services if more convenient. Patients will not see significant service changes due to the merger, other than the proposed closure of the Alfred Street branch from 17:30pm daily.

During April 2022, the Practice communicated with patients to seek the views of patients and responded to any patient queries or concerns raised. All patients aged 14+ registered at Alfred Street, Rosedale and Waterside received packs from their surgery informing them of the proposed changes and how the changes may affect them. Over 11,000 letters were sent out.

541 questionnaires were returned and generally feedback was positive.

Swansea Bay Community Health Council has recommended that a 6-week engagement should be led by the Health Board.

The patient and stakeholder engagement will begin on the 30th January 2023 and end on the 12th March 2023.

We hope that this information is helpful to you, please do contact us to discuss the proposal or if you have any queries in one of the following ways:

* email – [SBU.WatersideRosedaleAlfredStEngagement@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:SBU.WatersideRosedaleAlfredStEngagement@wales.nhs.uk)
* Telephone **07815 478 291** and leave a message and you will be called back within three working days.
* Attend a drop in session to discuss your views. A public event will be held on **Friday 17th February 2023**, between 2 pm and 6 pm at Neath Community Centre, 10-12 Orchard St, Neath SA11 1DU.
* Complete a feedback form that can be accessed via the following QR code:



You can have a paper copy of the feedback form by contacting the above e-mail address or telephone number.

Thank you for your assistance and we look forward to hearing from you.