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Dear Mwoyo,

Re: Minor Injuries Unit at Singleton Hospital

I am writing to follow up the discussion at Swansea Bay Community Health Council's Executive Committee on 16th April 2019 about the Minor Injuries Unit at Singleton Hospital where the CHC asked for confirmation from the Health Board about its intention and timescale for reopening the MIU, in line with the commitment given by the Health Board at its meeting in October 2018.

As you will be aware, in October 2018, the then ABMU Health Board approached the CHC to request the urgent temporary closure of the MIU at Singleton Hospital. This was because the Singleton Assessment Unit, which is located next to the MIU, needed to be refurbished to address environmental concerns raised by the CHC and Health Inspectorate Wales, and the MIU could not be safely operated without the support of the SAU next door. Based on this the CHC agreed that the MIU at Singleton could be temporarily closed for a period of 12-14 weeks while the refurbishment of SAU was completed.

At the end of March the SAU refurbishment was completed and the Health Board intended to reopen the MIU at this point. However, unfortunately while the MIU was closed, the number of GPs available to cover the required rotas reduced so that the MIU would only be able to reopen on a very sporadic basis. The Health Board has been working hard to try to improve this situation but to date this has not proved possible. As a result the Health Board



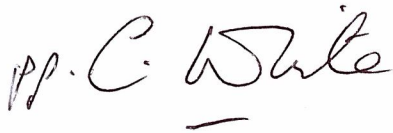
would like to request that the temporary urgent closure of the MIU at Singleton be extended while options are developed for its future, which can be discussed with the CHC prior to a formal request being made regarding future engagement / consultation.

The clinicians involved in providing the MIU service at Singleton are keen to present these options to the CHC, but unfortunately are unable to attend the Service Planning Committee on 14th May due to clinical commitments. Rather than wait until the next CHC Executive Committee on 18th June, the Health Board was therefore wondering if it would be possible to convene a special meeting of the SPC or Executive to consider this issue.

The Health Board remains committed to ensuring that the most appropriate range of services are available to meet our residents' unscheduled care needs, but obviously need to ensure that these services are provided safely and sustainably. We believe to reopen the MIU at Singleton currently would not provide a safe or sustainable service and therefore hope you are willing to agree an extension of the temporary closure so that the options for this service in the future can be discussed with you.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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