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Swansea Bay University
Health Board

Cadeirydd Dros Dro/ Interim Chair: **Emma Woollett**
Prif Weithredwr/Chief Executive: **Tracy Myhill**

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Rydym yn croesawu gohebiaeth yn y Gymraeg ac yn y Saesneg. We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.

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I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 29th October 2019. Your request sought information relating to voting rights.

1. I would like to know if your health board has a voting rights for service users policy? (If such a policy exists could you please send me a copy). On the 30th October 2019 you clarified that what you meant by 'service users' was all adults who access mental health services and whether there was any policy or procedure in place for supporting voting rights for this group

I can confirm that the Health Board has no written policy on this.

However whenever elections are pending, Government reissue the advice below to health boards both as a reminder of people's rights and encourage voting.

The following can vote:

- Voluntary patients in mental health hospitals,
- patients under civil sections, such as section 2 and 3 of the Mental Health Act (MHA),
- patients on a Community Treatment Order (CTO),
- patients who lack capacity,
- patients who are homeless, of no fixed abode or in B&B accommodation
- Prisoners remanded to hospital under the Mental Health Act (MHA) on Sections 35, 36 or 48 can vote.

Patients detained after having been convicted of committing a criminal offence and been ordered to hospital by the Courts cannot vote.



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Yours sincerely



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