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What we are asking people about



We are **Swansea Bay University Health Board**.



We run your local NHS Services in Neath Port Talbot and Swansea.



We are asking for your views about keeping 30 **inpatient beds** at Singleton Hospital.



Inpatient beds are beds for patients who need to stay in hospital overnight.



In 2025 we moved 30 **inpatient beds** from Gorseinon Hospital to Singleton Hospital.



This was a short-term move. We now want to keep the 30 beds in Singleton.



Patients from across Swansea and sometimes Neath Port Talbot use these beds. So they may be affected by these changes.



The beds are used for patients who do not need full hospital care. But are still not well enough to go home.



We want to know what you think about this.



We also want your ideas about services at Gorseinon.

We have lots of community services there, like:



- Blood tests



- Heart services

- Bowel and Bladder services



- Physiotherapy

- Stroke clinic



But we want to know your ideas for other services which should be in Gorseinon Hospital.



Please read this document, then send us your views.

Why the beds were moved



We needed to move the beds out of Gorseinon Hospital quickly.



There were serious concerns at Gorseinon Hospital about:

Patient and staff safety



- There was not enough medical support. Especially at night and at weekends.



- Some patients became more unwell. This was not always spotted quickly enough.



- Sicker patients were being sent there. But there was not enough extra staff or medical support.

Staff



- Staff were off sick and off work a lot.



- Staff were not happy in work.



- Sometimes there were not enough staff to provide a safe level of care.

Leaders and Managers



- Staff felt their concerns were not always dealt with well.



- Some staff felt they did not get enough support.

Work environment



- There were reports from staff about bullying and bad behaviour.



- It was not a nice place to work.

Buildings and security



- There was not enough security. Like locked doors and staff checking the site.



- The layout of the ward made it hard for staff to see all patients.

Why we want to keep the beds in Singleton



Since moving the beds, care has improved for patients:



- They have medical support all day, every day.



- They are treated quicker when they become more unwell.



- Senior nurses watch over the care and support given.



- Staff are managed better.



- Things run better.

A surprise inspection of these beds at Singleton Hospital found:



- Patients said their care was either good or very good.



- Patients said staff were kind, caring, and respectful.



- Staff worked together well to provide the care needed.



- Patients are checked for things like bed sores and having enough food and water.

There is a lot more support on the ward at Singleton:



- Senior nurses every day.



- Staff meetings and support sessions.



- Nurses on the ward that can provide training and support.



- Training for staff about paperwork, safety, skin care, and stopping bed sores.



- Specialist care for skin issues like bed sores.



- Problems are checked and dealt with.

There are still some things that need to improve, like:



- Answering patient call bells.



- Supporting patients to go to the toilet.



- Dignity and privacy of patients.



- Patient information.



- How medicines are stored.



- Paperwork.



At first staff took fewer sick days. But they have now gone up again.



Singleton Hospital needs to use some temporary staff to keep the ward safe. But they are using less now and saving money.



We put more leaders and action plans in place early on. This made a difference.



We will keep checking and supporting the ward.



We have people who can manage the ward well now. And make the improvements needed.



We think moving the beds back to Gorseinon could risk the improvements we have made.



We would need to find extra money that we do not have, to move the beds back to Gorseinon.

What would happen at Gorseinon Hospital



There would be no inpatient beds at Gorseinon Hospital.



It would become a community health hub.

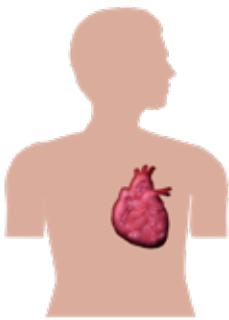


We would keep the services already there, like blood tests and physiotherapy.

We would add more, like:



- **Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening** – A test to check dangerous swelling in your main blood vessel.



- Heart Clinics and more Pacemaker Clinics – checking devices placed inside the heart.



- Psychology



- Child Health Services



- Midwife services – for pregnant people.



- Pulmonary Rehabilitation – supporting people with lung disease



- Sexual Health Services



We have already used the space freed up by moving the beds for some of these services. We would like to keep them there.

Benefits



We can provide more community services at Gorseinon.



People in West Swansea could get care closer to home.



Care is improved for patients. Patients and families are treated better. Problems are dealt with quickly and well.



We use fewer temporary nurses. Patients can see the same staff throughout their treatment.



Staff have more supervision and skills training at Singleton.



Singleton is safer at night and weekends.



We can provide safer care in Singleton at a cost we can afford.



Keeping the beds in Singleton saves money.



The ward in Singleton is better for inpatient beds.
People are comfier and safer.

Challenges



People are worried about the future of Gorseinon Hospital. But having more community services there should set it up as an important base.



For some patients in Swansea, Singleton is further away. If they are in hospital overnight, they will be further away from family and other visitors.



Parking is harder at Singleton than in Gorseinon.



Some staff will be working in a different place than before.



Staff will be given the choice to move to other jobs where needed. No staff will lose their jobs.



Sometimes the beds in Gorseinon were used when Morriston Hospital got too busy.



This meant Morriston could treat more people. But patients were cared for in poor facilities and more temporary staff were needed.

What do you think?



It is important that we get as many views as possible.



You can tell us what you think between **Tuesday 7 September** and **Monday 26 October 2026**.



We will also check if these changes are unfair for different groups of people.



We will work with Llais to think about everyone's views and make decisions.

You can tell us what you think by:



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