

# Choosing the right site for our new hospital



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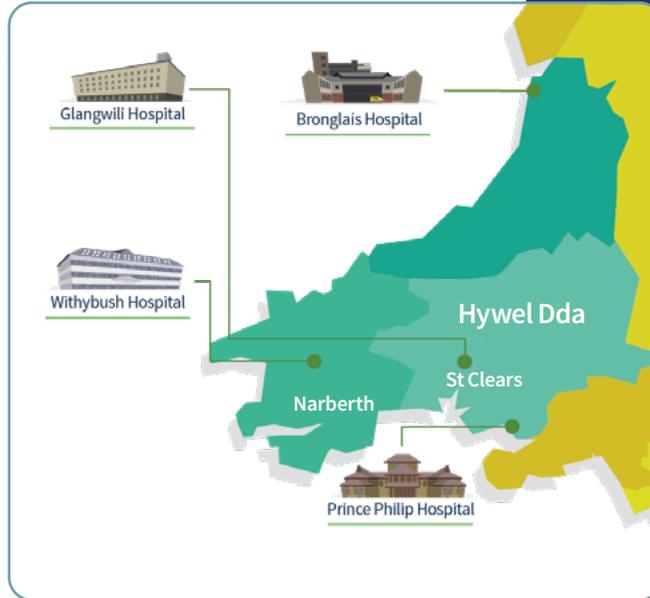
# Hello

We are Hywel Dda University Health Board. We plan, organise, and provide health services for almost 400,000 people across Carmarthenshire, Ceredigion and Pembrokeshire.

We have:

- four main hospitals
- five community hospitals
- two care centres
- community facilities like:

-  GP surgeries
-  dental practices
-  pharmacies
-  optometrists (eye care)
-  community health teams
-  health centres
-  mental health services.



In 2018 we ran **Our Big NHS Change** and asked people how we could improve services and what mattered to them.

We listened to what everyone said and made the decision to build a new **Urgent and Planned Care Hospital**.

**Now** we have to decide **where to build it**.

We have three different sites (places) for you to choose from:

- Whitland: Spring Gardens
- Whitland: Tŷ Newydd
- St Clears

We haven't as yet:

- chosen a favourite site
- bought any land
- confirmed any funding to buy the land or build the new hospital from Welsh Government



This tells you more about the sites, how they are the same and different.

We want to know which site you think is a good choice.



## Why is this important?

Sometimes people need urgent care as well as planned care. A new hospital will help us meet needs now and in the future.



Teulu Jones

Teulu Jones aren't a real family, but they are an example of the patients we care for. Here's how a new Urgent and Planned Care Hospital could help them.



**Gareth Jones** is 38 and lives in Talybont. On his Saturday cycle ride, he was hit by a car near Aberaeron. He needed urgent care.

Doctors from the Emergency Medical Retrieval and Transfer Service arrive at the scene. They take Gareth to Glangwili Hospital, as it is the temporary local trauma unit. But that affected other people's planned care.



If we had an Urgent and Planned Care Hospital, they would take him straight to that hospital.



**Rhys Jones** is 52 years old and lives in Tumble. He used to play rugby but got a knee injury that still causes him pain. He's a long-distance lorry driver, who was overweight... he liked a pork pie!

To help his knee, he decided to lose weight and give up smoking, but his injury still caused him pain. So, the orthopaedic team decided he would benefit from surgery to his knee.

Rhys needed planned care. He had his operation at Prince Philip Hospital, but it was postponed a couple of times. Following surgery, he found it difficult to get to physiotherapy as he needed someone to drive him.



If we had an Urgent and Planned Care Hospital, Rhys could have his surgery there... with less chance of it being postponed.

Following surgery, he would have physiotherapy closer to home and connect with his Urgent and Planned Care Hospital doctor online, so he wouldn't have to travel.

## About the new Urgent and Planned Care Hospital

Our new Urgent and Planned Care Hospital will be the main hospital site for both urgent and planned care in our region. It will provide specialist child, adult, and mental health services.

This will not change the other hospitals too much:



**Bronglais Hospital will still provide urgent, emergency, and planned care services.**



**Prince Philip Hospital will still provide minor injury care and adult medical care.**



**Glangwili and Withybush hospitals will become community hospitals.**

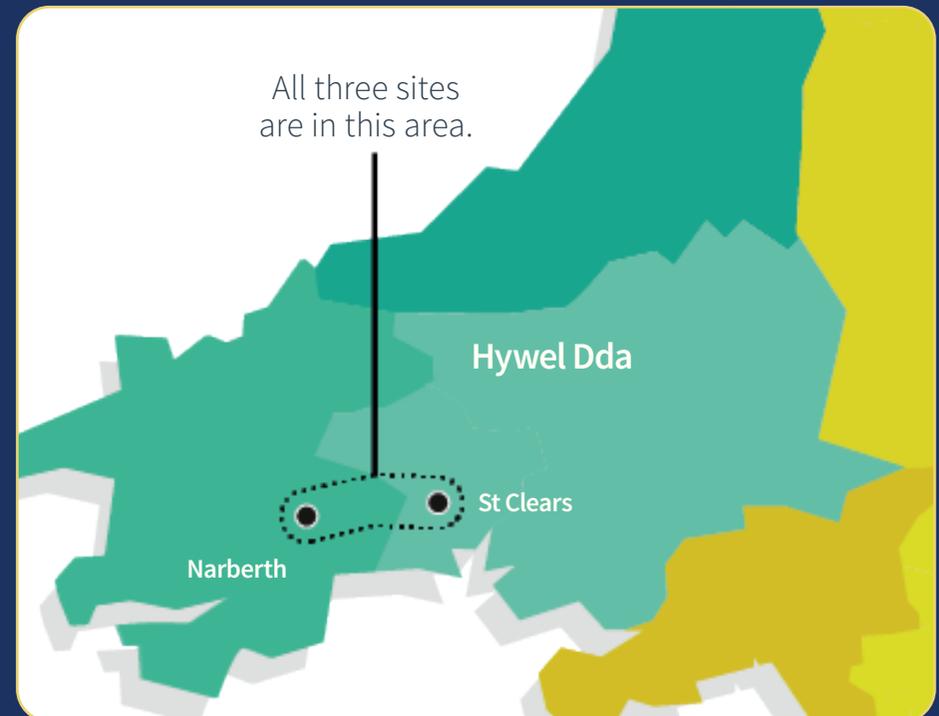
## About the sites

 **It's important that everyone can get to an Accident and Emergency department quickly.**

When we were deciding where a new hospital could be, we looked at travel times from all over the area.

**We decided the hospital had to be on a site between and including Narberth and St Clears.**

**That's why we have these three sites to choose from.**



## What the sites have in common

The three sites are the same in many ways:

They are all big enough and suitable for development

They would all benefit the local economy and help growth

We estimate they would all cost around the same amount of money to build (about £736.9m)

They are all close to small towns with similar local amenities such as shops, schools, housing etc

They are all close to bus routes that connect to Haverfordwest and Carmarthen

They are all within the original zone (between and including Narberth and St Clears)

All of them would need more bus services, running more times a day that connect to smaller communities for staff, patients and visitors

None of them have any significant planning issues

All of them have access to gas, electricity, and water on the site

All of them would need improvements to local roads and traffic management



## How the sites are different

Issues to think about:	Whitland: Spring Gardens	Whitland: Tŷ Newydd	St Clears
 <b>Guidelines</b>	There is some risk that national guidelines on minimum number of patients treated may not be met. This could affect quality and safety, and staff.		Least risk to guidelines on minimum numbers of patients treated.
 <b>A&amp;E/Emergency Dept. travel time</b> (average compared to now)	<b>9 minutes longer</b> 7% of people would have faster 999 access to an Emergency Department	<b>9 minutes longer</b> 7% of people would have faster 999 access to an Emergency Department	<b>6 minutes longer</b> 6% of people would have faster 999 access to an Emergency Department
 <b>Car travel: instead of Glangwili</b> (for areas with 1,000+ residents)	<b>13 minutes longer</b> (on average)	<b>13 minutes longer</b> (on average)	<b>7 minutes longer</b> (on average)
 <b>Car travel: instead of Withybush</b> (for areas with 1,000+ residents)	<b>12 minutes longer</b> (on average)	<b>12 minutes longer</b> (on average)	<b>14 minutes longer</b> (on average)
 <b>Access by road</b>	Direct access from A40	No direct access, until local roads improve or new link to A40	Direct from A40 and A477
 <b>Distance from train station</b>	<b>750m</b>	<b>250m</b>	<b>1000m</b> (once station is opened again)
 <b>Land ownership</b>	Multiple private landowners	Public ownership	One private landowner
 <b>Flood risk</b>	Low	Yes, on small areas that wouldn't be built on	No
 <b>Scope for future expansion</b>	Limited scope	Some scope	Limited scope
 <b>Scope for renewable energy</b>	Potential for offsite	Potential onsite	Potential for offsite
 <b>Potential additional costs</b>	<b>£19.9m</b>	<b>£28.2m</b>	<b>£20.7m</b>

## Next steps



To make sure people can get to and use the new hospital, we will develop a Transport and Accessibility Strategy. This will set out our vision for transport to the hospital and our community services.



We will also continue to involve communities so we can create a new hospital that can meet people's needs now and in the future.

## What do you think?

Please answer the questions.

Send in your answers by 19th May 2023 to:

✉ Opinion Research Services, FREEPOST SS1018, PO Box 530, Swansea, SA1 1ZL  
(you don't need a stamp)

or

✉ [hyweldda.engagement@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:hyweldda.engagement@wales.nhs.uk)

Or you can read the full consultation and fill in a questionnaire at:

▶ [hduhb.nhs.wales/new-hospital-site](https://hduhb.nhs.wales/new-hospital-site)

☎ 0300 303 8322 (please leave a message and we will call you back so you do not have to pay for the call)

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