



**Bwrdd Iechyd Lleol
Local Health Board**

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Flintshire

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Dear Ms Lloyd

Petition P-03-085 – Surgeries in Flintshire

I am writing in response to your letter dated 14 March 2008.

The Local Health Board and other stakeholders accept the need to develop and expand Primary and Community Health Services in and on behalf of the population of Flint.

Our Primary Care Estates Strategy outlined the need to take a holistic view of primary and community services, which include the Community Hospital. We did undertake a consultation exercise on our proposals which have been held in abeyance pending the conclusion of a number of reviews put in place by the Minister for Health. We would hope and expect to move forward once the process set up by the Minister is concluded, indeed the recent report by Dr C Jones made reference to Flint as did the Minister in the Plenary debate.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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Letter from Minister for Health and Social Services #1

Edwina Hart AM MBE

Y Gweinidog dros Iechyd a Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol
Minister for Health and Social Services

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Dear Val

21 April 2008

Thank you for your letter of 14th March on behalf of the Petitions Committee in relation to Petition P-03-085 Surgeries in Flintshire.

I am committed to ensuring that all buildings providing general medical services are fit for purpose for the 21st Century.

Flintshire Local Health Board (LHB) undertook a consultation on their proposals for primary care in Flint. The priority of schemes is a matter for Local Health Boards taking into account services across their area, the condition of current facilities and other factors. The LHB's Primary Care Estate Strategy may provide further information for you on the LHB prioritisation process.

I am aware of public disquiet and on Wednesday 17th October I announced in Plenary that four reviews would be undertaken on the reconfiguration of health services in N Wales.

The report undertaken by Dr Christopher Jones "A review of the impacts of developments in primary care and community care in relation to Designed for North Wales" was debated in Plenary on Wednesday 5th March. This was essential in considering the best way forward to provide services closer to the local community and avoid duplication of services.

I agreed with Dr Jones' suggestions for Flint Community Hospital, as outlined in the report and have requested that the LHB work with all local stakeholders and key decision makers. Under consideration will also be the possibility of a Primary Care Resource Centre being developed on adjacent land, which would include the three GP surgeries in Flint who submitted the petition.

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Letter from Minister for Health and Social Services #2 ⁸⁵

Edwina Hart AM MBE

Y Gweinidog dros Iechyd a Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol
Minister for Health and Social Services

Our ref: EH/02839/08

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16 June 2008

New Val

Thank you for your letter of 5th June on behalf of the Petitions Committee about surgeries in Flintshire (PET-03-085).

I can confirm that I will notify the Committee as soon as a final decision has been made about the viability of the proposal of a Primary Care Resource Centre being developed on adjacent land to Flint Community Hospital.

Edwina Hart

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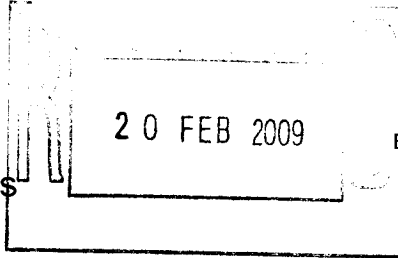
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Edwina Hart AM MBE

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Minister for Health and Social Services

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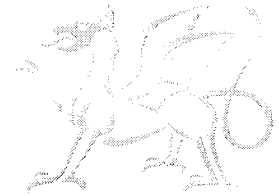
Thank you for your letter of 3rd February asking about progress on the viability of a Primary Care Resource Centre being developed on land adjacent to Flint Community Hospital.

Flintshire Local Health Board (LHB) has established a Project Steering Group made up of the LHB, Trust, County Council and Community Health Council. The Group agreed Terms of Reference, met twice and established a Project Team to undertake the detailed work.

Before the Project Team could begin work in earnest the NHS in North Wales resolved to review 'Designed for North Wales' with a view to preparing and agreeing a new clinical futures strategy for the region. This new strategy would seek to explain more clearly the balance of care between secondary, community and primary care. Given the importance of first establishing this strategic and planning context the local planning of Flint services has been put on hold.

The planning timeframe for developing the new North Wales clinical futures strategy will allow the Flint Project Steering Group to recommence local planning in May.

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19th February 2009

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26 May 2010

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Edwina Hart'.

Thank you for your letter of 4 May requesting an update on progress on the viability of a Primary Care Resource Centre being developed on land adjacent to Flint Community Hospital.

The Local Health Board, at my request, has begun detailed discussions with the Local Authority regarding the development of a health facility for Flint. This could include not only primary care services but aspects of social services provision and the voluntary sector.

The LHB recently met Flint Town Council to outline this approach to planning the future of health services in Flint, which was met with a positive response.

I expect to receive more detailed proposals from the Local Health Board in the very near future.

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Edwina Hart MBE OStJ AM

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18 June 2010

Thank you for your letter of 8 June about the proposal for the development of a new Primary Care Resource Centre in Flintshire.

My officials have spoken to Betsi Cadwaladr University Local Health Board (LHB) which has confirmed that the position has not changed since my letter of 26 May.

The LHB is about to commence detailed discussions with the Local Authority, and has been reminded again of the Committee's interest in the scheme.



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Dyddiad/Date: 02 November 2010

Dear Mrs Chapman

PETITION: P-03-085 Surgeries in Flintshire

I refer to your letter of 16th July 2010 addressed to the Chairman regarding the above Petition.

The Health Board has been in recent discussions with Flintshire County Council regarding the potential development of our health and social care resources in Flint. This will include the potential inclusion of the GP surgeries referred to in the petition.

We do not have a defined timescale for this work at this point in time but envisage this commencing within the next three months. We will ensure that there is early dialogue with the Practitioners who have raised these concerns.

Yours sincerely

Geoff Lang
Executive Director
Primary Care, Community & Mental Health Services

07-03-2011 (***Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board***)

Dear Rhodri,

I have had the opportunity of discussing the Flintshire situation with Geoff Lang. He has asked me to inform you that as it stands not a lot has moved forward since we last responded. However we are having discussions and would be in better position to respond to you in early April, if this is in order. May I ask if this holding note is sufficient for you for the time being or would do you require a formal letter to this effect?

We will report to again fully in April.

Very many thanks.

Kind regards.

Yvonne Ellamie