

Mr William Powell AM
Chair of Petitions Committee
Welsh Assembly Government
Cardiff Bay

Re: Removal of Emergency Services from Neath Port Talbot Hospital.

Dear Mr Powell

The hospital situation within ABM Trust remains the same with both the Trust and Community Health council refusing to acknowledge that the removal of emergency services from Neath Port Talbot Hospital is causing great difficulties for residents in Neath Port Talbot particularly those in the upper reaches of the valley areas. Discussions held yesterday with a Trust representative made it quite clear that the situation was not going to change and it would appear that no effort will be made to recruit doctors to the site and that despite holding so called information giving sessions they will be adhering to their "remodelling" programme.

Morrison Hospital remains a building site with poor access, very few disabled car parking facilities and poor signage.

The situation is further exacerbated by the situation within the ambulance trust who within the last two months have had as many as 15 ambulances waiting outside the emergency department waiting to discharge patients.

There has been poor communication to the public as to what constitutes the minor injury department at NPT hospital and within the last month a mother was turned away with her child, forced to drive to Princess of Wales Hospital whereupon he had a fit and was found to have a ruptured spleen.

Thank you for your attention

Sincerely

Carolyn Edwards