

P-06-1538 Protect full stroke services at Bronglais Hospital; prevent downgrade to Treat and Transfer

This petition was submitted by Bryony Davies, having collected 10,867 online and 7,016 on paper, making for a total of 17,883 signatures.

Text of petition:

Hywel Dda University Health Board's consultation proposes removing Bronglais Hospital's full stroke service, forcing patients from Ceredigion, Powys, and South Meirionnydd into risky, long-distance transfers to hospitals in Llanelli or Haverfordwest. We urge the Senedd and Welsh Government to intervene immediately, insisting HDdUHB fully assesses these impacts and commits to maintaining Bronglais as a stroke rehabilitation unit, protecting vital health services in Mid Wales.

Additional information:

The consultation proposes downgrading Bronglais' stroke unit to 'Treat & Transfer' model forcing patients on unsafe 90 min to 2hr journeys to Llanelli or Haverfordwest.

*There is no evidence to address risks of these transfers given rural geography, ageing populations & poor transport.

*Family support, crucial for recovery, will be impossible due to distances, harming outcomes.

*Bronglais consistently scores higher in stroke audits than it's HDdUHB counterparts.

*HDdUHB admits significant staffing shortfalls & uncertain funding, making these changes unsafe & unrealistic.

*Bronglais is the only District General Hospital in a 60-100 mile radius (on non-motorways) serving areas far beyond HDdUHB's formal boundaries & into South Meirionnydd & Powys.

The plans in the consultation compromise principles of equitable access to healthcare, disproportionately disadvantaging Mid Wales residents.

We want the Senedd to ensure fair, equitable & local stroke services in Mid Wales.

Senedd Constituency and Region:

- Ceredigion
- Mid and West Wales