

Your Local Health News

Health Minister performs Topping Out Ceremony at The Grange University Hospital



Vaughan Gething AM, Minister for Health and Social Services led the celebrations to mark completion of an important phase in the construction of the new £350m-The Grange University Hospital, near Cwmbran.

The Grange University Hospital is a key component of Aneurin Bevan University Health Board's Clinical Futures Programme, which is transforming health service delivery across the Gwent region. It is due to be open early in 2021 and construction

has currently reached the highest point of the building.

To mark this milestone the Health Minister ceremonially poured some concrete before an audience of invited guests and the construction team from Laing O'Rourke together with representatives and staff from the Health Board.

Health Minister Vaughan Gething, said: "It's fantastic to see another landmark being reached in this state-of-the-art project. The new hospital will provide both separate emergency and specialist care, ensuring Aneurin Bevan University Health Board can maintain the highest standards of care.

"The project is an excellent example of Welsh Government funding creating health, education and economy benefits for the local area."

Judith Paget, Chief Executive of Aneurin Bevan University Health Board, said: "The Grange University Hospital represents a key milestone in our Clinical Futures Programme – our plan to deliver NHS health services that are of the highest quality and fit for the future.



"This brand new, modern facility will enhance the care we are able to offer to our patients alongside our existing hospital sites and the important work that goes on in our communities to keep people healthy and out of hospital whenever possible.

Care Navigators Come To Gwent

Over the last three months, GP practice receptionists throughout Gwent have been trained to advise callers who is best placed to treat them, ensuring patients effectively navigate the services they need.



This might include the surgery Practice Nurse, Advanced Nurse Practitioner, local Pharmacist or indeed a Practice-Based Pharmacist who can treat patients without necessarily seeing their GP. This will play an important role in providing a coordinated person-centred approach to care and support, whilst relieving the pressure on GP practices.

Dr Liam Taylor, Deputy Medical Director at Aneurin Bevan University Health Board said: "We're committed to ensuring that primary care provision across Gwent is effective for all our patients and sustainable in years to come. We're running a number of Care Navigation services across the region that include; community connectors, social prescribers, maternity support and physiotherapy amongst many others. This programme of work is about making sure our community feels supported and cared for when they need it most.

"Primary care services play a vital role within the wider healthcare system in Wales and with local services coming under increasing pressure from rise in demand and constraints in capacity, our Care Navigation programme is more important than ever." ***Find out more in video above.***

Health Board leads the way!

Aneurin Bevan University Health Board has become the first Health Board in Wales to sign up to the Children and Young People's National Participation Standards Charter.

At the Health Board's March Public Board meeting, approval was given for the organisation to adopt the National Children and Young People's Participation Standards Charter.



The Standards identify the key issues that all workers should be aware of when working with children and young people in Wales and puts the involvement of children and young people at the heart of improving well-being.

'Behind The Scenes' Series: Behind the RGH

In order to highlight all the work that goes on behind the scenes and contributes to providing our patients with the best care possible, we've been given an Access All Areas Pass to some of our Aneurin Bevan University Health Board hospitals.

On Friday, 12th April 2019, we spent the day at one of our busiest hospitals, the Royal Gwent, in Newport. Here's what we got up to throughout our day at The Royal Gwent... <http://www.wales.nhs.uk/sitesplus/866/page/98774/>



Well@Home

Well@Home aims to improve the poor health of people with chronic illnesses which are potentially worsened due to poor energy efficiency and fuel poverty.

Those who own their own home or privately rent, have a chronic illness and don't have sufficient heating, or can't afford heating or house repairs can speak to a health professional to be referred.

Well@Home is a three year project running from 2018-2021 and is a partnership with Cardiff Metropolitan University, Care & Repair Monmouthshire and Torfaen, and Aneurin Bevan University Health Board. **Find out more in video above.**

All Wales clean up!

Aneurin Bevan University Health Board and the all-Wales 'Your Medicines, Your Health' team are asking you to take a look in your medicines cupboard and clear out all old, unwanted or unused items and return them to your local pharmacy where they can be disposed of properly and safely.



The aim of Your Medicines, Your Health campaign is to encourage the effective use and safe storage of medicines, the main message being 'Take them if you can, tell us if you can't', along with five other key points to ask yourself:

- Do you know what you're taking?
- Do you know how to take it?
- Are you taking it?
- Take it back if you're not taking it, don't stockpile
- Talk to your GP or pharmacist if you need help

As part of the campaign, to keep people safe and take their medicines properly we are asking you to join the rest of the community in spring cleaning your medicines cupboard.

You are able to pick up a bio-degradable 'spring clean' bag from your local pharmacy, fill it with your unwanted or unused medicines and return them to your pharmacy where they will be disposed of safely.

If you have any questions or would like to contact us please email
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