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# Diweddariad gan y Bwrdd Iechyd Health Board Update



*Newyddion i'ch cymuned News for your Community*

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## Updates for you and your community



Welcome to the first stakeholder newsletter of the New Year. We will continue providing these updates for our local partners and stakeholders regarding Health Board activities. Thank you for all your support last year, particularly for the Clinical Futures programme of change which culminated in the opening of The Grange University Hospital. The principles of Clinical Futures will continue to be at the heart of everything we do, with an emphasis on keeping care as close to home as possible.

In previous issues, we have talked about our hospital sites and the changes that have been taking place. In this briefing, we will focus on our Children's Services to remind our residents of the new pathway for paediatric hospital care that was launched when The Grange University Hospital opened in November 2020.

This month is an extremely busy one for the Health Board and our staff face unprecedented challenges, with the Covid-19 pandemic and vaccine roll-out adding to the annual winter pressures on our services.

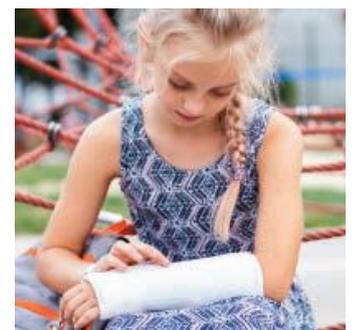
We hope you find the updates in this newsletter useful and if you have any questions or suggestions for articles in future editions then please get in touch with using the email address on the final page.

Thank you!

## Children's Healthcare – a reminder

When The Grange University Hospital opened on 17th November 2020, the way people access our children's hospital services across Gwent changed.

Now, all children who require emergency treatment go to The Grange University Hospital where specialist children's doctors and nurses are centralised.



All children’s hospital beds and the Children’s Emergency Assessment Unit are also now located at The Grange University Hospital.

The Royal Gwent Hospital, Nevill Hall Hospital and Ysbyty Ystrad Fawr continue to provide a wide range of routine outpatient appointments for children and certain elective day case surgeries.

Local **Minor Injury Units** for children (aged over 1 year) remain at The Royal Gwent Hospital, Nevill Hall Hospital, Ysbyty Ystrad Fawr and Ysbyty Aneurin Bevan.

All children aged under 1 year old need to be seen at The Grange University Hospital.

**What will be available for children at our main hospitals:**

	The Grange University Hospital	Royal Gwent Hospital	Nevill Hall Hospital	Ysbyty Ystrad Fawr	Ysbyty Aneurin Bevan
Inpatient wards	✓	X	X	X	X
Child Assessment Unit	✓	X	X	X	X
Minor Injuries	X	✓	✓	✓	✓
Children’s Emergencies	✓	X	X	X	X
Outpatients	X	✓ St Woolos	✓	✓	✓



**What about Maternity Services?**

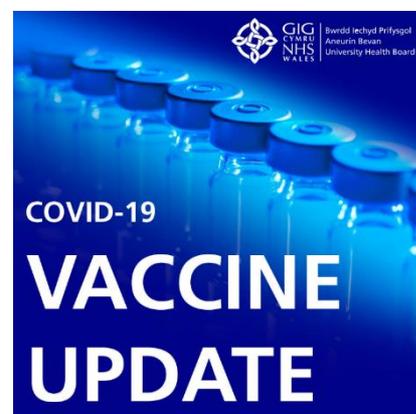
Antenatal clinics, midwifery-led routine deliveries and postnatal clinics will take place at The Royal Gwent Hospital, Nevill Hall Hospital and Ysbyty Ystrad Fawr.

All Consultant led births will take place at The Grange University Hospital, where there is also an additional ‘alongside centre’ for Midwifery-led births.

**Covid-19 Vaccine Update**

Since the launch of the Covid vaccine, the vaccination team have been working tirelessly on the biggest vaccination programme we’ve seen in our lifetime. So far across Gwent, we have vaccinated over 15,000 people.

To date, we have vaccinated all residents from 34 out of 94 care homes for older adults and all care home staff from 63 of the 94 care homes for older adults across Gwent. We have vaccinated over 3,000 over 80s and over 5,000 frontline staff.



Last week, we successfully opened our second vaccination centre at Ty Penallta in Caerphilly borough. This week, we have a supply of 9,675 doses of vaccine. We are working on plans to open two additional vaccination centres in Ebbw Vale, which will be open on Thursday and Friday and Abergavenny, which will open over the weekend. This week Ty Penallta will be open on Tuesday and Wednesday. All of our vaccination centres are appointment only and people will be contacted if they are being called for their appointment. We are also working with GP Practices who will be starting to vaccinate over 80s from next week and have already helped us on vaccinating some of our care homes residents.

We will continue to keep you updated, however due to a number of variable factors, such as the number of doses we are allocated plans can change at short notice. We want to thank you for your continued support and together we will help keep Gwent safe.

From 11<sup>th</sup> January, Public Health Wales will be publishing daily vaccination figures on their website: [Rapid COVID-19 virology - Public - Public Health Wales Health Protection | Tableau Public](#)

For further information and FAQs on the delivery, eligibility and safety of the vaccine, please visit: [About the vaccine - Public Health Wales \(nhs.wales\)](#)



### Community Heroes Award

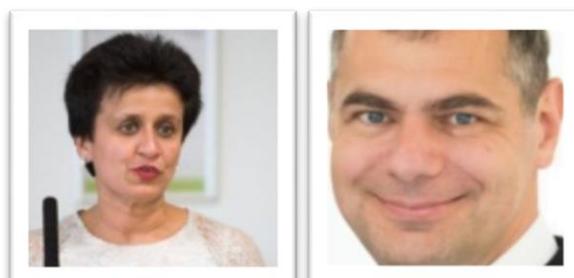
We are very proud of our staff at Nevill Hall Hospital, who have been presented with a Community Heroes Award by the Gateway Church in Abergavenny for all their hard work throughout this year. Assistant Operational Manager, Amanda Jones, who accepted the award on behalf of the staff and patients, said: "Everyone at Nevill Hall works with great pride and passion, and I am very proud to have been a part of that team since 1985."



### Staff Receive New Year Honours

Congratulations to Professor Alka Surajprakash Ahuja and Professor Tamas Szakmany, who have both received awards in the New Year Honours list 2021.

Professor Alka Surajprakash Ahuja, Consultant Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist for Aneurin



Bevan University Health Board has been awarded an MBE within the New Year Honours list 2021. Alka helped establish and scale up the NHS Wales Video Consulting Service for people to continue to access healthcare advice and services from their homes during the pandemic.

Professor Tamas Szakmany, Critical Care Consultant for Aneurin Bevan University Health Board has been awarded an MBE within the New Year Honours list 2021. Tamas has been a vital part of the team in leading our response to the Covid pandemic, as well as dedicating his time to leading research in helping to understand the disease, as well as being part of the Covid vaccine trial.

## Choose Well to Protect NHS Services

Due to the pressure on local NHS services, made worse by the Covid-19 pandemic, the Health Board is urging people across Gwent to help protect vital services for those in most need.

People can 'Choose Well' by accessing alternative services rather than the Emergency Department when their complaint is neither life-threatening nor serious. Health Boards across Wales are reporting that around 20 to 30% of patients who present at Emergency Departments could be better treated elsewhere or in a different way.

As part of the 'Protect the NHS' drive, people are being advised to order prescriptions 7 days before they're due; use their local NHS pharmacy and GP service for minor illnesses or injuries, visit the 111 / NHS Direct Wales website or call 111 for free health advice through online symptom checkers for minor ailments.

People are also reminded that if they have COVID symptoms not go to their pharmacy, GP or local Emergency Department, but instead book a test through 119 and call 111 if symptoms persist or they can no longer cope at home.



**If you would like any additional information or have any questions, please contact us via [ABHB.enquiries@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:ABHB.enquiries@wales.nhs.uk) or through social media:**



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