

NOTICE OF MOTION – COUNCILLORS ATTRIDGE, ELLIS AND BROWN

BETSI CADWALADER UNIVERSITY HEALTH BOARD (BCUHB) CRISIS

We call on Welsh Government to make BCUHB accountable in their care of patients and staff. After many years in so called Special Measures the crisis with the District Hospitals remains a worry.

A twelve hour wait at Wrexham Maelor is not unusual it's the normal wait time. People lying on trolleys waiting to go into Majors is normal. Waiting for beds to move patients out of A and E to the Wards is impossible as there are no beds. No beds no sheets no pillows no Doctors and Nursing Staff cut.

Staff are under growing pressure and have been heard to say they are fearful of the situation getting worse as the Hospitals cannot cope with the numbers such as two Doctors to see eighty patients in A and E with a staff reduced from 15 to 12. We feel people may be put at risk due to lack of provision. Ambulance Personnel unable to sign over patients to the A and E staff as there is no room.

Flintshire has a growing population the LDP shows the growth we can expect, however Health provision is not keeping up it cannot cope Flintshire needs more GP's, more Nurses and Consultants and surely in this day and age a sick person should be able to have a bed with a pillow and blanket and been seen in a reasonable time by a Doctor.

In responding to this Notice of Motion, we can all recognise that these can be emotive issues. We know that all public services are under a great deal of pressure, and need support. But, there are some fundamental questions which now need to be asked.

Flintshire County Council should call on Welsh Government to urgently review the following issues:

1. Is there sufficient capacity in Wrexham Maelor, Glan Clwyd and the Countess of Chester hospital?
2. Does Flintshire need a district General Hospital of its own?
3. Why is the performance of A and E so poor in the Betsi Cadwaladr Health Board in comparison to the rest of Wales?

4. What measures can be put in place to urgently improve the performance of A and E by way of GP walk in centres, extended hours at minor injury units, improved access to GPs and improved community services?
5. What is the level of investment that Welsh Government will be providing for patients in North Wales to stabilise and then improve performance?

I move that we formally send these concerns to Vaughan Gething, the Minister for Health and Social Services.