

Questions submitted by Members for 10 February 2020

Cllr Mared Eastwood

1. What is the doctor/patient target ratio for Flintshire and where are they currently?
How does this compare with both Wales and UK?
2. If we are below target: what are they doing about it and why are they telling planners that their infrastructure can support new developments?

Cllr Gladys Healey

3. It has been said that Wrexham Maelor Hospital hires bariatric beds from private companies. However, when the patients no longer require them they are sometimes left unreturned to the companies with hire fees being paid on them for a considerable length of time. Are you satisfied that equipment, which is on hire across the service is being returned as required and that BCUHB is not incurring excessive charges because of failure to return items?
4. The public are getting the impression that our hospitals are top heavy with management and that layers of management are themselves an obstacle for change. Do you believe that the time has now come for these layers of management to be cut so that resources can be redirected to the front line?

Cllr Chris Bithell

5. Why doesn't BCUHB make much more use of Minor Injuries and X-Ray facilities which are available in local Community Hospitals which we fought to preserve for continued local use and to take the pressure off the General Hospitals like the Maelor? This has not occurred and staff in local Community Hospitals don't work a full week, aren't allowed to carry out simple, medical procedures (e.g. stitching minor wounds) and X-Ray staff have to go to the Maelor to run X-Rays there. Why don't they do this in Mold etc where parking is easier and facilities closer to patients?

Cllr Carol Ellis

6. What steps are being taken to resolve overcrowding in Glan Clwyd and Wrexham hospitals? On Thursday last week when visiting the Hospital at Wrexham supplies and rubbish were being stored on corridors.
7. How often are the wards deep cleaned?

8. What are the current levels of infectious diseases such as C diff at the two hospitals serving Flintshire?
9. Waiting times in A and E - I am hearing reports that things are not improving but that patients are arriving in an Ambulance and then placed in corridors. What is the average wait of patients needing an urgent bed? I have evidence of 24 hour waits and patient being moved five times.
10. What is the policy on supplying food and drink whilst waiting in A and E for those who are elderly and alone - again evidence of 24 hour wait.