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To whom it may concern,

A Major Trauma Network for South and West Wales and South Powys

What this letter is about

We have been working with doctors, nurses and independent experts to develop proposals for a new major trauma network across South Wales and now we want to know what you think.

We want to develop services to give you an increased chance of survival and better recovery and quality of life if you suffer a major trauma anywhere in South Wales (this includes South and West Wales and South Powys).

Major trauma refers to multiple or serious injuries that may result in disability or death. Injuries can include serious head injuries, multiple injuries caused by road traffic accidents, industrial accidents, falls, mass casualty events and knife and gunshot wounds.

What we need

We need to hear the views of everyone living in communities across South Wales, to make sure we make the right decision for local people.

To do this, we are running a public consultation to find out what you think about our proposals and to ask if there is anything else you want us to consider as we develop our plans.

To help you share your feedback, we have developed a consultation document which explains:

- what we mean by major trauma and a major trauma network
- why we think we need a major trauma network in the South Wales region and what this could look like
- what our proposal is for establishing a major trauma centre in Cardiff and a large trauma unit in Swansea
- how the development of a major trauma network may affect you, wherever you live in South Wales.

You can find more information about our plans on our website at

www.publichealthwales.org/majortraumaconsultation

How you can help

There is a significant amount of evidence to show that patients who suffer a major trauma have a greater chance of survival and recover better if they are treated within a major trauma network.

An independent clinical panel has looked at the evidence for developing a major trauma network in South and West Wales and South Powys and made the following recommendations.

- a major trauma network for South Wales with a clinical governance infrastructure should be quickly developed.
- the adults' and children's major trauma centres should be on the same site
- the major trauma centre should be at University Hospital Wales, Cardiff
- Morriston Hospital, Swansea should become a large trauma unit and should have a lead role for the major trauma network
- a clear and realistic timetable for putting the trauma network in place should be set.

We want to ask you three key questions about our proposal.

1. Do you agree or disagree that a major trauma network should be established for South and West Wales and South Powys?
2. Do you agree or disagree the development of the major trauma network for South and West Wales and South Powys should be based on the recommendations from the independent panel?
3. If we develop a major trauma network for South and West Wales and South Powys is there anything else we should consider?

You can give your answers to these questions on the form supplied as part of the main consultation document.

Get involved

It is vital that we make the best decision for people across South and West Wales and South Powys. This means we need to hear from you – so please read our consultation document and background information below and tell us what you think by Monday 5th February 2018.

You can answer the survey online at

www.publichealthwales.org/majortraumaconsultation

Or fill in a form electronically and email it to:

NHSWHC.strategicplanning@wales.nhs.uk

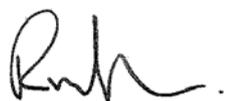
If you would prefer to send your response to us by post (you will not need a stamp) please send it to: Freepost MAJOR TRAUMA CONSULTATION. (This address must be written exactly as above including capital letters).

Health boards will also be holding a number of public events across the South Wales region to present the proposals for our major trauma network and there will be the opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback. Details of these events are on our website at

www.publichealthwales.org/majortraumaconsultation and on your local health board website.

If you need any of these documents translated into another language or format, such as large print, British Sign Language, Braille or audio, please call 029 2050 2674 or email: NHSWHC.strategicplanning@wales.nhs.uk

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bob Hudson'.

Bob Hudson

Director

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