

## VOLUNTARY SECTOR SUB-COMMITTEE – 21ST MARCH 2012

**SUBJECT: QUESTION FROM THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR**

**REPORT BY: ANEURIN BEVAN HEALTH BOARD**

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### 1. ANEURIN BEVAN HEALTH BOARD RESPONSE

#### 1.1 New Hospital - Ysbyty Ystrad Fawr

1.2 The following question was raised by voluntary sector representatives.

*What facilities does Ysbyty Ystrad Fawr have for patients with learning disabilities?*

- 1.3 In terms of facilities, all meet disability care provisions. We have specialised hoisting equipment that can cater for the most dependent of patients, that includes ceiling hoists, all rooms are en suite with a wet room to enable nurses and carers to provide personal hygiene adhering to an individual's dignity and privacy. Each room has a television with a remote control.
- 1.4 When a patient with learning disabilities attends we work closely with the LD team and their families so that any specific needs and any necessary training is provided. This would be particularly important for any elective procedure undertaken. In relation to an urgent admission, it would not be appropriate for a patient with learning disabilities to be admitted on a trolley in MAU where it may feel frightening and unsafe, the patient would be directly admitted to a single room if it was felt appropriate.
- 1.5 There would be no restriction on visiting, family would be encouraged to participate in the patients care and any personal comforting possessions could be brought in, so that familiar things are seen and used whilst an inpatient.
- 1.6 We are committed to continually improving our services and would welcome any feedback regarding standards of care. This is particularly important for groups of patients who have specialist needs as the frequency of visits is much less.

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