<u>£36 million for Prince Charles</u> <u>Hospital Refurbishment</u>

The funding from the Welsh Government will be used to continue to refurbish the ground floor at the hospital, providing a new main kitchen, dining area and pharmacy.

Works should start on the project in January 2019 with completion by spring 2021.

Health Secretary Vaughan Gething said:

"I'm delighted to be able to announce this significant funding for Prince Charles Hospital in Merthyr.

"This refurbishment will not only improve the working environment for staff at the hospital, it will also support the delivery of the kind of modern health care we want to see in Wales.

"I'm sure that as well as boosting staff morale, this work will bring significant benefits to patients attending the hospital and the area as a whole.

"I expect these works to deliver significant economic benefits to the community through the use of local labour and sub-contractors. I also expect the project to create apprenticeship opportunities and initiatives to engage schools in the local area."

Ruth Treharne, Director of Planning and Performance at Cwm Taf University Health Board, said:

"We are delighted that Welsh Government has supported the next phase of refurbishment of the ground and first floor of Prince Charles Hospital in Merthyr Tydfil.

"Amongst the benefits, the funding will provide for a new main kitchen, dining area and a new pharmacy, which as well as helping to meet our statutory compliance requirements, will also provide an enhanced environment for our staff and patients."