

## £3m funding provided for new endoscopy and day surgery services at Wrexham Maelor Hospital

The two modular theatres are planned to open in March 2018.

This capital funding, will enable the health board to address infrastructure issues which have led to the closure of two theatres in 2016, and an endoscopy suite earlier this year.

The Health Board have put in place systems to mitigate the current disruption to these services at Wrexham Maelor Hospital. This includes the hire of two mobile theatres for a six month period which the Health Board will fund and will be in place by January 2018. The funding announced today for the two modular theatres will provide new, more robust facilities for the people of Wrexham and the surrounding area for at least the next 10 years.

Health Secretary, Vaughan Gething said:

“Ensuring the people of Wales have access to up-to-date healthcare services in a safe environment is a priority. I’m pleased to announce over £3m worth of funding for Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board to take the necessary steps to improve facilities at Wrexham Maelor Hospital.

“Moreover, this will enable health professionals to work efficiently, providing high quality patient care for patients in Wrexham and the surrounding area, and meet the required performance standards.”

Chief Executive of Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board, Gary Doherty said:

“We have been working closely with Welsh Government since the closure of the theatres in the Wrexham Maelor Hospital and we are delighted that funding has been awarded to install two new modular theatres for day case surgery. Through the addition of local capital resources we will also install an endoscopy suite.

“We are pleased that we have been able to take swift action to improve this situation. These new facilities will ensure that people in Wrexham and the surrounding area will continue to receive a high quality service going forward.”