

Welsh Government approves £25million for Glangwili obstetric and neonatal facilities

The second phase of developments will increase the capacity of the facilities at Glangwili. This will include more high dependency cots, special care cots and parent overnight stay rooms, as well as increase the number of birthing rooms, operating theatres and resuscitation bays. Plans are also in place for an additional 59 car parking spaces.

The plans will provide a safe environment for the delivery of obstetric and neonatal services at Glangwili, and address the urgent areas of concern highlighted in the Royal Colleges' report into the maternity, neonatal and paediatric services provided by Hywel Dda Health Board.

The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Services, Vaughan Gething, announced the funding during a visit to Glangwili's obstetric and neonatal facilities.

Speaking during the visit, the Cabinet Secretary said:

"I'm delighted to approve £25million Welsh Government funding for the further redevelopment of Glangwili Hospital's obstetric and neonatal facilities.

"This funding will improve the clinical quality, safety and innovation at the site. It will mean better access to services for patients and their parents, as well as improving the well-being of staff. This investment will address the urgent areas of concern highlighted in the Royal Colleges' report on maternity services in Hywel Dda Health Board.

This should significantly improve the patient experience and accommodation for families and, as it is a larger unit, may also reduce the risk of families having to travel out of our area for care due to capacity reasons."

Hywel Dda University Health Board Chief Executive Steve Moore said:

"We welcome this news as women, children and their families deserve to have better accommodation than we are currently able to offer at Glangwili Hospital. We hope this provides our population with confidence that we will now proceed with pace to make these improvements."

The second phase redevelopments will include:

- Neonatal Unit – 4 high dependency cots plus 1 stabilisation cot, 2 single cot nursery spaces plus 1 isolation lobby, 8 special care cots and 2 double parent overnight stay rooms
- Labour Ward – 5 standard birthing rooms, 1 birthing room with pool, and 6 bedded higher dependency area
- Obstetric Theatres – 2 operating theatres, 2*2 cot resuscitation bays; and
- Car Parking – additional 59 car parking spaces.

Work is expected to start before the Autumn and the aim is for the scheme to be complete by 2020.