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Strategy and Planning Committee 9 July 2020				
Requestor	Date Received	Question Received	Director Lead	Response
Owen James	8 th July 2020	In terms of the impact on Nevill Hall, it's not quite clear from the report what services stay and which ones are proposed to go to The Grange i.e what's there now and what won't be there in future. This would help in terms of understanding the impact.	DPP	Due to COVID 19, ABUHB is planning to open The Grange by the 17 th November 2020 (instead of the 31 st March 2021) to support their winter protection planning arrangements. It has been carrying out urgent work to assess and describe the impact of this. ABUHB will be providing additional information to PTHB in August 2020 which will include a detailed description of the services at Nevill Hall Hospital that we will share with the Board once received. This will provide PTHB with an update to information provided previously, which has been reported to Strategy and Planning Committee and PTHB in the Strategic Change updates and in separate Board Development sessions on the Clinical Futures programme.
		What does "re-establishing the South Powys Programme arrangements during July" mean please?	DPP	PTHB was setting up a Programme Board to oversee the response to the Grange / Clinical Futures Programme and the South Wales Programme prior to the Covid-19 pandemic. The arrangements for the Programme Board had to be suspended during the first COVID 19 peak. However, when it

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				<p>became clear that as part of its COVID and winter planning ABUHB was planning to bring forward the opening of The Grange the arrangements for the Programme Board were put back in place and the first meeting took place in July chaired by PTHB Chief Executive.</p>
		<p>At the bottom of page 5 the report says "It was recognised that PCH would become the nearest hospital for a significant proportion of Powys residents." There seems to be a crucial bit of information missing here i.e. in what circumstances would PCH be closer? If the Grange goes ahead early presumably. If so, for what patients and what specialties?</p>	DPP	<p>The assessment of flows undertaken as part of the formal consultation processes in the South Wales Programme against the proposed service model being implemented by ABUHB early in November 2020 is currently being undertaken and will be considered by the Programme Board in September. Communications and Engagement is part of the remit of the Programme Board noted above and a comprehensive Communications and Engagement plan is under development in partnership with ABUHB, Cwm Taf Morgannwg and WAST which will ensure that the whole context and history is provided including the consultation outcomes from the South Wales programme.</p>

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		<p>What happens next in terms of the existing patient pathways? The report says that we will "work with other NHS partners to assess the options against a short term planning horizon (November 2020) and for the longer term."</p>	DPP	<p>As noted in reports to the Strategy and Planning Committee and PTHB Board, there is a complex set of pathways changes that are due to take place as a result of the implementation of the Clinical Futures programme and the earlier opening of the Grange. ABUHB shared Clinical Pathways with PTHB in 2019 and an initial impact assessment was carried out in relation to Powys residents use of these pathways, as reported during 2019. This work is now being updated by ABUHB due to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic and the output of that will be shared in August 2020 onwards. The Programme Board is in the process of reviewing that information and for each pathway that is due to change and a set of options for the Powys residents will be developed. As the opening of the Grange is proposed to be sooner, in November 2020, the pathways would therefore change sooner. The 'short term planning horizon' is referring to the compressed timescale in which this work will have to be completed in light of the proposed earlier opening of The Grange.</p>
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		<p>Why does AB have to wait until WG responds to its business case before discussing things further with PTHB. The time while they're waiting would surely be a good opportunity to discuss the issues with the neighbouring health board.</p>	DPP	<p>Work has started and is being taken forward, through the Powys Programme Board as noted above, and this includes the discussions between PTHB, ABUHB, CTMUHB and WAST. At the same time, the early opening of The Grange is subject to ongoing discussions between ABUHB and WG and we will be advised by ABUHB of the outcome of those discussions at the appropriate point.</p>
		<p>Presumably, judging by the way our report and the AB report is worded, there is going to be communication rather than consultation over the changes i.e. people will be told what is happening rather than their views sought? This rather assumes that AB are simply implementing the proposals on which they consulted some years ago. Is that correct? Or do they differ materially, and enough to warrant further consultation as opposed to communication?</p>	DPP	<p>The changes are part of the implementation of the South Wales Programme and Clinical Futures Programme which were both subject to formal public consultations. PTHB is expecting the proposals to align to the outcomes from those public consultations. There will be further discussion at the Programme Board on this point once the updated detailed information is appraised. PTHB is developing a communications and engagement plan in partnership with ABUHB and other key partners.</p>