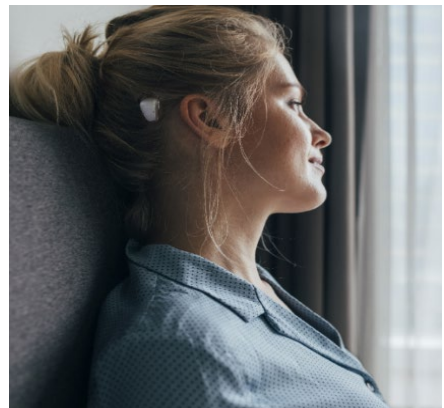




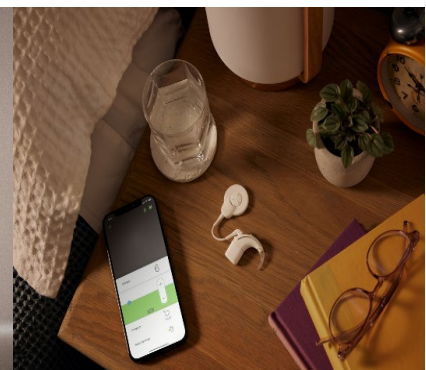
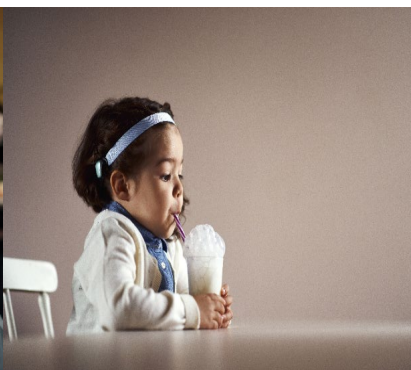
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Plans For Hearing Implants

- South East Wales
- South West Wales
- South Powys



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This booklet is about plans for the way we give services for people who need ear implants.



There are two types of hearing implants, doctors call these:

- Cochlear Implants
- Bone Conduction Hearing Implants (BCHI)

Many people also call a BCHI a Bone Anchored Hearing Aid (BAHA)



Someone may need a hearing implant because of:



- deafness in one or both ears



- hearing loss due to the shape or size of the ear canal



- hearing loss due to a medical reason



The implant is placed by a team who have a lot of training and experience.



This booklet is from Welsh Health Specialised Services Committee.



We sort services that are only given by a few centres in Wales or the UK. We make sure people can get an implant if they need it.

Where Are These Services?

People needing implants went to:

Cochlear Implants

- Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend
- University Hospital Wales, Cardiff





Bone Conduction Hearing Implants

- Neath Port Talbot, Swansea
- University Hospital Wales, Cardiff
- Royal Gwent Hospital, Newport



In 2019 the Cochlear service in Bridgend closed.



All patients needing a Cochlear implant since 2019 are seen in Cardiff.



There was no change for people needing a BCHI.



How Could These Services Be Better?

We talked to experts and patients.



We talked to the clinical team who give these services.



We looked at information about hearing implant services in:

- South East Wales
- South West Wales
- South Powys

What Did We Learn?



Last year

- 48 people had a Cochlear Implant
- 27 people had a Bone Conduction Hearing Implant



Sometimes people have to wait too long to have a hearing implant.



Not all hospitals that place hearing implants have all of the right team to do this.



The number of Cochlear implant patients is small.

The number of BCI patients is smaller.



There are not enough staff.



It is sometimes difficult for services to meet their standards.

Our Ideas For Implant Services



We would like to have a single implant centre for South East Wales, South West Wales and South Powys.



A single centre would be able to provide a high quality service for Cochlear and BCI implants.



We want this centre to be for adults and children.



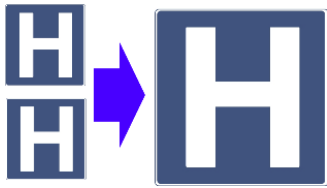
It will be easier to employ and keep staff in a single centre.



Skills can be kept at the highest level with more implants being done.



It is easier for a bigger centre to cope with emergencies, changes and some staff being ill or leaving.



Moving all the hearing implant operations to one hospital will not change other local services.



We Want To Hear What You Think.

Tell us what you think about our ideas?



We are also asking:



- people who know a lot about hearing implants



- staff from health boards



- people who work for charities



- Patients with a hearing implant and their families



When we have heard everybody's thoughts we will look at:



- what we have found out



- if our plans may make life harder for some groups of people




- Any extra information

About you.



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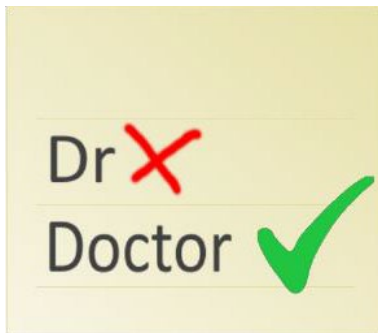
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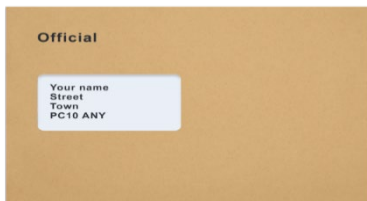
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You have until **14/02/2023** to tell us what you think.

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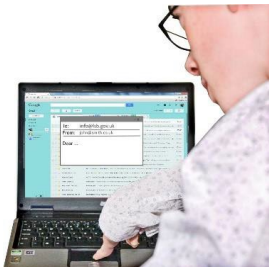
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