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Dear Vaughan

**Re: Sam Davies Ward, Barry Hospital**

I am very concerned to hear rumours of the potential closure of the Sam Davies Ward at Barry Hospital. A closure would mean there is no Care of Elderly Ward in Barry and patients will be sent to Llandough and UHW which will make visiting incredibly difficult for relatives many of them elderly themselves. The Sam Davies Ward provides an ideal step down service for patients ready to be discharged with a care package or transferred to a care setting. The patients and families I have engaged with over the past 20 years have been very clear that the time they spend in Sam Davies Ward helps towards discharge being closer to home and in a caring and clinically excellent environment.

I have said repeatedly that I am opposed to this closure which would have a devastating impact on health services in Barry and the Vale. I raised concerns with Abigail Harris, Executive Director of Strategic Planning regarding the Workshop on developing the Health and Wellbeing Centre at Barry Hospital which was deemed to be for 'clinicians only'. I am concerned that no community engagement has been carried out.

I have been very impressed with the partnerships being developed with Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg and local organisations like the Barry and District Soroptimists in support of the Sam Davies Ward which is so vital for the local community and health services. The Sam Davies Ward has thrived under Sister Linda's leadership. I understand that she received two awards at the Health Board's Staff Recognition Ceremony earlier this year for her work on the Ward.

In future planning for Barry Hospital it is vital that we keep the inpatient facilities as well as outpatients. I would be grateful if you could look into this.

Yours sincerely

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