

You asked:

- 1. I understand that work on upgrading Maesteg Hospital is being delayed because of increased costs of building materials and labour. Could you please provide an update with a possible time scale for the work to either resume or be completed?**

The work that was being planned to refurbish Llynfi Ward at Maesteg Hospital has been delayed due to escalating costs associated with materials, contractors etc. We are unable to provide a timescale on being able to progress this and are in conversation with Welsh Government around the support of this, as this cost has increased against a backdrop of reducing capital resources being available to Health boards.

Also:

- 2. Are outpatient clinics taking place at the hospital? If so, what clinics are being held and if not when do you envisage them re-starting.**

Yes outpatient clinics have continued within Maesteg Hospital. Specialties provided there are:

Neurology

Gastro Enterology

General Surgery

Gynaecology

Ophthalmology (visual fields and starting soon glaucoma clinics)

Specialist nurse Heart Failure clinic

Cardiology

MCAS (Swansea Bay service at present)

Wound clinic

Podiatry clinic ad hoc

Radiology (x- ray Monday to Friday)

Paediatrics due to start in June 2022

- 3. Constituents have contacted me about the lack of diabetic clinics being held at the hospital. One constituent has not had a consultation with a diabetic specialist since October 2019. In the past, they were six monthly. When does the board intend to resume these clinics at Maesteg?**

Maesteg Hospitals Out Patient Department are currently only undertaking diabetic bloods and sending through to the Diabetic Consultants and they are making contact with patients as necessary from the diabetic centre in the Princess of Wales Hospital.

Also:

- 3. Diabetic retinopathy sessions were previously held there. None has taken place since the start of the Covid pandemic. Does the board know when they are likely to resume?**

This is to be confirmed.

- 4. Have talks been held with the Diabetic Retinopathy screening service to find out what arrangements they are making either to use Maesteg Hospital, their mobile vehicle or an alternative venue in Maesteg? Again, patients have not had these vital eyesight checks for more than two years.**

Discussions were held last year, May to June 2021 around options to provide spaces elsewhere within the Health Board but these were not able to be taken up. They previously used 2 rooms on a Friday afternoon at Maesteg Community Hospital.