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Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_434_25

You asked:

Would it be possible for you to provide the following information please?

1. Is there any intention to downgrade the above hospital or any departments within?

There is no plan to downgrade the Princess of Wales Hospital. The current disruption is due to essential roof replacement and associated infrastructure upgrades. These works are part of a significant investment programme to ensure the hospital remains safe and fit for purpose.

- Major upgrade to main theatre suite
- Refurbished wards – including cardiology
- Installation of new windows to improve efficiency and patient comfort
- Refurbished Intensive Care Unit
- Three dedicated theatres and a 28 bed ward for orthopaedics
- Increased Ophthalmology capacity
- Investment in upgraded in-ward provision to enable the delivery of critical care
- Solar PV on hospital roof

In addition to capital works undertaken in response to the Critical Incident, there is further investment in the infrastructure of the hospital, including new decontamination facilities for theatres and endoscopy. Further significant investments are planned in 2026/2027.

2. Has the stroke unit been closed permanently or temporarily?

The Stroke Unit at Princess of Wales Hospital was temporarily relocated to Royal Glamorgan Hospital in October 2024 to facilitate the roof replacement works. This temporary relocation will be reviewed by the Health Board.

Emergency stroke care continues to be available at the Emergency Department at Princess of Wales Hospital, with patients requiring inpatient stroke care transferred to Royal Glamorgan Hospital following initial stabilisation.

3. Will ALL departments closed or moved during the roof repairs be returned to the above hospital?

We are taking this opportunity to review our services and where possible do things better and more effectively.

The majority of services have now returned to the hospital. Moves back to the site started early in the year with the return of ophthalmology and maternity and neonatal services. The final ward moves happened at the end of September 2025.

Main theatres, endoscopy and the eye unit have reopened.

A Centre of Excellence elective Orthopaedic Unit has been established at the Princess of Wales site.

Trauma services for CTM remain centralised at Royal Glamorgan Hospital and will be reviewed in 2026.

Stroke services for the whole of CTM continue to be temporarily relocated at Royal Glamorgan Hospital.

Acute care of the elderly services remain at POW. Patients who no longer need acute care but require some medical input before they return home, are now cared for in a dedicated community setting at Ysbyty George Thomas.

4. How much has it cost for the roof repairs and is this ongoing for the whole hospital?

Surveys revealed that only the roof on the original part of the hospital (Phase 1) required replacing and this cost £11.3m. Targeted repairs/replacement will take place for the rest of the roof areas as required in future. The total cost of the roof replacement and associated upgrades at Princess of Wales Hospital is £27.9 million, funded by the Welsh Government. This includes replacement of approximately 10,000 square metres of roofing, electrical upgrades, and fire safety improvements.

5. Is there a full maintenance contract in place to help reduce the cost of any repair work required to the above hospital in the future?

There is no maintenance contract in place for the roof. Changes have been made to improve safe access to the roof so there is a direct labour Planned Preventative Maintenance Programme for the future.