



## **CWMFELINFACH BRANCH SURGERY CLOSURE APPLICATION**

As most patients will be aware we have submitted an application to close Cwmfelinfach to Aneurin Bevan University Local Health Board.

Unfortunately we are aware that there are some unfounded rumours in circulation on social media and other sources regarding our branch surgery closure application to the Local Health Board. Therefore we feel it appropriate to clarify the current issues.

As with most practices across Wales and the wider UK, we have been unsuccessful in recruiting new Salaried GPs. We have unfortunately lost two salaried GPs in the last 3 months. Therefore, we find ourselves in a situation whereby we feel it is unsustainable to continue to provide services at Cwmfelinfach and need to consolidate all our resources under one roof.

We are finding it increasingly difficult to continue providing services at our branch surgery and believe that GP time along with other staff resource would be better utilised more effectively and efficiently if all of our services are operated from our Risca Surgery, rather than fragmented staff resource being managed across two sites. This way all our patients will benefit from a fully integrated health care team ensuring safe and sustainable care for all of our patients.

Our priority has and always will be to ensure all our patients receive the best possible care in a timely manner and we would suggest that patients read the letter from the Local Health Board, complete the questionnaire and return this back for your voice and any concerns to be heard by 14th November 2018.

**Dr R S Williams & Partners**