

Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference FoI/23/467

Maelfa Wellbeing Hub

Information Requested:

1. Any information you hold about consultation with service users or organisations about the design of the Maelfa Wellbeing Hub.

The project was the subject of an Achieving Excellence Design Evaluation Toolkit (AEDET) review. This was facilitated by NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership (NWSSP) following a presentation by the design team. The audience consisted of staff from a range of stakeholder organisations. The scheme was generally well received and a good level of debate entered into.

2. Any information that you hold regarding the accessibility requirements for the design of the Maelfa Wellbeing Hub.

The Maelfa Wellbeing Centre has been designed to meet the intentions of the Equality Act 2010 by providing excellent non-discriminatory facilities for disabled users, with access throughout. The proposed scheme has been designed in accordance with the access requirements set out in the current Building Regulations, NHS design codes and BS8300. Some summary key provisions are noted below.

- Immediate access and approach to the building is kept within acceptable gradients and the site layout minimises the distance between the main entrance and drop-off / pick-up points and disabled parking provision
- Drop kerbs and tactile paving has been provided to meet regulations and to facilitate ease of access
- Powered access doors are incorporated to the main entrance
- Level access to all external doors, including to external terrace from foyer, is provided
- A level access link is available into the Powerhouse Hub facilities from the main arrivals foyer
- HBN compliant lift provides access to upper floor. This lift has been significantly oversized beyond the requirements of the Building Regulations to accommodate patient trolleys in an emergency
- The main circulation stair is designed to meet ambulant disabled requirements
- Reception desks to waiting areas are designed with dropped counter levels and will incorporate hearing aid induction loops
- Wide circulation routes and doors are incorporated throughout
- Clear legible building arrangements for intuitive patient circulation
- Accessible toilets in key locations on both floor levels (staff and visitors)
- Ground floor Changing Places facility incorporated
- Colour contrast throughout the building has been implemented.
- Excellent signage has been incorporated throughout the building to comply with best practice.

3. Any information you hold regarding accessibility surveys or assessments of the Maelfa Wellbeing Hub.

As above, building has been designed and built in accordance with current Equality Act 2010 and to NHS design codes and BS8300.