



Eich cyf/Your ref WAQ76872

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Dear Janet,

I write further to your Written Assembly Question (WAQ76872).

You asked:

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the provision of paediatric services at Llandudno General Hospital and advise what support and provisions are available for children under five years old and their families - in particular with regards to minor injury unit services? WAQ76872

Although most acute services for children in Conwy and Denbighshire are to be found at Ysbyty Glan Clwyd, Llandudno General Hospital provides some services which enable families to access their services closer to home. The hospital provides a base for health visiting and school nursing teams, and child and adolescent mental health services (CAMHS) and children's continuing care also have a presence within the hospital.

There are a number of children's clinics held in Llandudno General Hospital outpatients department, specifically:

- paediatric orthoptic clinic every Tuesday (for children from Llandudno to Llanfairfechan) to see referrals from school nurses;
- paediatric clinic on alternate Tuesdays and Thursdays; and,
- neonatal audio screening clinics are held as and when referrals are received.

The Minor Injuries Unit at Llandudno General Hospital is one of eight such units across North Wales, all of which are nurse-led. An advanced nurse practitioner with specific children's training oversees all paediatric care in the unit. All staff are trained in safeguarding children to Level 2 or 3 depending on their grade/role. Children are triaged on arrival at the unit. Given that paediatrics is a specialist area of work, not all children will be

treated in the unit. Clinical presentation and type of injury are key factors in terms of clinical decision-making, which depends also on which staff with relevant paediatric competence are on duty on the Llandudno site at the time. A qualified nurse will have assessed all children who require re-directing elsewhere e.g. to a GP or emergency department, prior to transfer.

I hope my response is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

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Ysgrifennydd y Cabinet dros Iechyd a Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol
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