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## **Y Pwyllgor Deisebau**

**Adroddiad Cwblhau**

**Crynodeb o ystyriaeth y Pwyllgor Deisebau o P-03-166 Ysbyty  
Abertyleri a'r Cylch**

**Mehffin 2009**

## **Cyflwynwyd y ddeiseb**

22 Gorffennaf 2008

## **Dyfarnwyd yn dderbyniadwy**

28 Awst 2008

## **Ystyriaeth gychwynnol**

### **16 Hydref 2008**

Ystyriodd y Pwyllgor y ddeiseb am y tro cyntaf a chytunodd i ysgrifennu at y Gweinidog dros lechyd a Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol yn gofyn a oedd unrhyw fwriad i gadw'r tir a'r adeiladau ar gyfer y gymuned iechyd ac a oedd adeilad yr ysbyty yn rhestredig.

(Gweler Atodiad 1 ar gyfer y darn perthnasol o'r trawsgrifiad o'r cyfarfod ar 16 Hydref 2008 ac Atodiad 2 ar gyfer y llythyr a anfonwyd gan Gadeirydd y Pwyllgor at y Gweinidog dros lechyd a Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol)

## **Ystyriaeth bellach**

### **20 Tachwedd 2008**

Trafododd y Pwyllgor ymateb gan y Gweinidog dros lechyd a Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol, a chytunodd y Pwyllgor i ysgrifennu ati eto yn gofyn am eglurhad ynghylch y canlynol:

- A oes angen cymeradwyaeth un o Weinidogion Cymru er mwyn gwerthu darn o ystad ymddiriedolaeth iechyd
- A yw'r arian a godir drwy werthu darn o ystad ymddiriedolaeth iechyd yn mynd i ddwylo Llywodraeth Cynulliad Cymru yn ganolog

(Gweler Atodiad 1 ar gyfer y darn perthnasol o'r trawsgrifiad o'r cyfarfod ar 20 Tachwedd 2008, ac Atodiad 2 ar gyfer yr ymateb a gafwyd gan y Gweinidog dros lechyd a Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol, a'r llythyr dilynol a anfonwyd at y Gweinidog)

### **27 Ionawr 2009**

Trafododd y Pwyllgor ymateb gan y Gweinidog dros lechyd a Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol, a chytunodd y Pwyllgor i ysgrifennu at y Gweinidog eto yn gofyn am fanylion y newid i'r canllawiau ar gyfer gwerthu tir y GIG.

(Gweler Atodiad 1 ar gyfer y darn perthnasol o'r trawsgrifiad o'r cyfarfod ar 27 Ionawr 2009, ac Atodiad 2 ar gyfer yr ymateb a gafwyd a'r llythyr dilynol a anfonwyd at y Gweinidog dros lechyd a Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol)

### **2 Mawrth 2009**

Trafododd y Pwyllgor ymateb gan y Gweinidog dros lechyd a Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol a chytunodd i wneud y canlynol:

- Ysgrifennu at y prif ddeisebydd yn gofyn am ei barn am y llythyr diweddaraf gan y Gweinidog dros Iechyd a Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol
- Gofyn i'r Ymddiriedolaeth GIG yn lleol am ei barn am y sefyllfa bresennol a gwerth y safle, a'i disgwyliadau ynghylch gwerthu'r tir a'r eiddo

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### **31 Mawrth 2009**

Trafododd y Pwyllgor ymateb gan y prif ddeisebydd, a chytunodd i ysgrifennu at y Gweinidog dros Dreftadaeth yn gofyn am y wybodaeth ddiweddaraf ynghylch rhestru'r prif adeilad a'r gathiau mynediad.

(Gweler Atodiad 1 ar gyfer y darn perthnasol o'r trawsgrifiad o'r cyfarfod ar 31 Mawrth 2009 ac Atodiad 4 ar gyfer y llythyr a anfonwyd at y Gweinidog dros Dreftadaeth)

### **23 Mehefin 2009**

Trafododd y Pwyllgor ymateb gan y Gweinidog dros Dreftadaeth a chytunodd y Pwyllgor i ddod â'i ystyriaeth o'r ddeiseb i ben gan nad oedd yn teimlo bod modd mynd â'r ddeiseb ymhellach.

(Gweler Atodiad 1 ar gyfer y darn perthnasol o'r trawsgrifiad o'r cyfarfod ar 23 Mehefin 2009 ac Atodiad 4 ar gyfer yr ymateb a gafwyd gan y Gweinidog dros Dreftadaeth)

## **Clerc y Pwyllgor Deisebau**

### **Mehefin 2009**

## Atodiad 1

# Trawsgrifiadau o gyfarfodydd y Pwyllgor Deisebau

## 16 Hydref 2008

**Val Lloyd:** The next petition is on the Abertillery and District Hospital. It calls on us to urge,

'the Welsh Assembly Government to look into and address the proposed closure of Abertillery and District Hospital by the local health board'.

**Michael German:** I have not been involved with this petition, but I know of the concerns outlined in it, which relate to a building that was what used to be called a 'sanitarium' in a nice location. What interests local people is whether it could be used in the health community as some kind of facility, but not in the same way that it is currently used. When we write to the Minister, should we ask whether there is an intention to retain the land and site at the hospital in the health community? I refer to the health community in its wider sense. It is certainly a spectacular location.

**Val Lloyd:** Was it built by public subscription?

**Michael German:** Yes, on top of a mountain, overlooking an entire valley; it is amazing. It would be a shame to lose it, because, presumably, the alternative would be for it to be sold.

**Val Lloyd:** Is it listed?

**Michael German:** I am not certain; perhaps we could ask that question.

**Val Lloyd:** Sometimes there are benefits in listing because the façade can be preserved. The inside could be put to a more profitable use. I can understand the petitioners' point of view. On using it as an NHS facility, that is probably not so easy these days, but we will write to the Minister.

**Michael German:** That is why I spoke in terms of the wider health community, because there may well be private sector interest.

**Val Lloyd:** Yes, I accept that.

## 20 Tachwedd 2008

**Val Lloyd:** Yes. The next petition is P-03-166, on Abertillery District Hospital, in which we were asked to urge the Welsh Assembly Government to look into and address the proposed closure of that hospital by the LHB. We have the Minister's response before us. She notes that:

'Following the closure of this hospital, Gwent Healthcare NHS Trust proposes to sell the land and it will have no further use as a health facility. The hospital building is not listed.

However, CADW has indicated that it is considering listing the main building and entrance gates.'

**Michael German:** Just to be clear on this, when a health trust sells land, can it do so without the authority of the Welsh Assembly Government? I am not certain. I am also not certain whether the receipts from healthcare land or assets go back into a central pot inside the Welsh Assembly Government. I may be wrong, but if that were the case then we do not have an answer from the Minister as to whether she is content for the land to be sold. It depends on where the responsibility lies, and, without the answer to that question, I cannot say for certain. Could we have some clarification on that point—whether the disposal of any asset of that sort requires authority from the Welsh Assembly Government.

**Andrew R.T. Davies:** We had a similar situation with the Heath Park residents, did we not? They mentioned that the local health board was selling off assets, and were asking where those proceeds went, and what sort of audit had to be undertaken before the land was sold.

**Michael German:** I do not know the answer to that.

**Val Lloyd:** No, neither do I. I do not think that it has to be used—it goes into a general pot, unless there is a particular clause on it when it was granted, possibly. I do not know.

**Michael German:** If, for example, we find that there is a role for the Welsh Assembly Government in the disposal of health assets—either by approving them, or receiving the money that comes from them—then there are different sets of tests that you need to apply as to whether it is value for money, and so on. Unfortunately, the terms of the petition are very wide—

'to look into and address the proposed closure'

does not tell us what we are to address, so presumably we have to address the proposed closure.

**Val Lloyd:** Yes, I believe that we do. Therefore, we would need to ask whether a local determination needs central agreement, and whether the receipt from the sale of the land goes into the general fund of the local health organisation, or does it just go back into the main pot and out again.

## 27 Ionawr 2009

**Val Lloyd:** The next petition is P-03-166, Abertillery and District Hospital. We have had two letters from the Minister on this.

**Michael German:** It may be felt that we have taken this as far as we possibly can, but the second letter to you, dated 17 December, interests me. In that, the Minister says,

'I am currently reviewing my guidance regarding the sale of NHS land and property'.

The NHS trust in question has not sold the land yet, clearly, and I would presume that any new guidance that came in would prevail, rather than the guidance that exists at present. So, if the review is likely to result in new guidance being issued in the coming months, it would seem to me to be wise to at least have sight of the proposals for changes to the guidance before we close the petition, because the new guidance might have an impact on the petition. It depends what the Minister is going to do with it; we do not know what she will do with it.

**Andrew R.T. Davies:** The new guidance was raised in Plenary last week by Jonathan Morgan during the Liberal-Democrat-led debate, and it is my understanding that the threshold at which trusts would lose the right to hold onto the proceeds of sales would be taken down from £2 million to £0.5 million, so that anything over £0.5 million would return to the centre.

**Michael German:** So, it would matter in this case.

**Andrew R.T. Davies:** We would be talking about a key change in the regulations. Sales of up to £2 million can be retained by the trusts at present. I am led to believe that the proposals, as they are outlined, bring that threshold down to £0.5 million.

**Val Lloyd:** So, is a consultation being held on that?

**Andrew R.T. Davies:** I believe that it is at consultation stage.

**Val Lloyd:** I presume that it must be in the public domain.

**Andrew R.T. Davies:** It was raised in Plenary last Wednesday.

**Michael German:** It might be worth knowing what the new guidance is going to be, because that would make a material difference to this, I would guess. I know the site, and it is probably worth more than £0.5 million.

**Val Lloyd:** So, shall we keep it open until that guidance comes through?

**Michael German:** Yes, and perhaps we could ask when the guidance is likely to emerge.

**Andrew R.T. Davies:** Could we request the guidance? I believe that it is in the public domain.

**Michael German:** The new guidance?

**Andrew R.T. Davies:** I believe so, but if I am wrong I will stand corrected. It was referred to in Plenary last Wednesday.

**Val Lloyd:** You assume that it is in the public domain.

**Andrew R.T. Davies:** Yes. If it is not, we need to ask when it will be available and whether we can have sight of it.

**Val Lloyd:** So, we will take that petition forward in that way.

## **2 Mawrth 2009**

**Val Lloyd:** The final petition to be considered is P-03-166 on Abertillery and District Hospital. Is there anything that we can do, apart from closing this petition? We have taken it as far as we can. We could obviously let the petitioners have all of the information that we have.

**Bethan Jenkins:** I do not know how we could progress any further.

**Michael German:** The letter from Edwina Hart discusses the guidance, which is £500,000, and not being able to place a market valuation on Abertillery and District Hospital. I know the buildings, and given the size of the site and its location, I would have thought that £0.5 million is probably far less than what you would get for this site. I would have thought that you would probably get more than £0.5 million for the whole site. Although the trust may not be able to sell the site, or whatever it wants to do with it, at the present time, if it did sell it, the money would not go to the trust—in this case, the new Aneurin Bevan NHS Trust—but into the central pot. I think that there is an issue at the bottom end as to who would make the decision: whether the decision will be taken by Edwina Hart to sell it because it would come into her pot, or whether it would be a decision for the local trust. My feeling is that, knowing the site, it is likely to be the central pot. That will not give any local input from the health community or anyone else as to the results, or where the money would go.

**Val Lloyd:** Am I reading this correctly? As I understand it, the main point of this guidance is to reduce the amount that the trust can retain from the sale to £500,000. So, it will get £500,000.

**Michael German:** It will get something, but it used to be considerably more. It was £2 million. Can we write to the petitioners with that last letter from Edwina, point out that the figure is down from £2 million, and ask for any further comments? It is not that I want to keep this open longer than necessary, but I would like to give the petitioners the chance to comment on the letter.

**Val Lloyd:** So long as they are aware that there is little that we can do.

**Michael German:** That is what I am saying. It is for the petitioners to decide what they want to do with it. At least they will know the facts.

**Andrew R.T. Davies:** Would it be pertinent to write to the local NHS trust? The level of money has been changed in the interim—down from £2 million to £0.5 million. What consideration has the NHS trust made, first, when it was making its initial decision on the retention of this money, and, secondly, now that the new guidelines have come in? That is a significant shortfall in expectations; £1.5 million less. I do not know the value of the site, but Mike has indicated that it could be quite significant.

**Michael German:** It could be a very large sum.



**Andrew R.T. Davies:** That might be a material consideration in how the NHS trust will finally dispose of the site. I assume that the asset would remain the trust's asset until the point of sale, and only then would the money be clawed back and reallocated.

**Val Lloyd:** It is clawed back into the health budget.

**Michael German:** But not the local health budget.

**Val Lloyd:** Yes, I accept the point.

### **31 Mawrth 2009**

**Val Lloyd:** We move to petition P-03-166 regarding Abertillery Hospital.

**Andrew R.T. Davies:** I know that it was only on 6 March that the letter was sent to the chair of Gwent Healthcare NHS Trust, and the response to it will be critical in forming our opinion on the way forward. Therefore, I suggest that we wait until the letter comes back and hope that that will be sooner rather than later. There was also the aspect of the listing of the main building and perhaps it would be worthwhile finding out how that listing has progressed.

**Val Lloyd:** It is the main building and the gates. If Mike were here, I am sure that he would know more about it. We should delay action on that.

### **23 Mehefin 2009**

**Sandy Mewies:** There is an update on petition P-03-166 regarding Abertillery and District Hospital. There is an addendum—no, that is on St Asaph. I got ahead of myself. What do Members feel about this?

**Andrew R.T. Davies:** We have been dealing with this for quite some time. I vividly recall the various consultations and documents that have come in. I am not sure how much further we can take this, if at all. I think that Members should consider closing the petition. We normally forward the pack of the work that we have undertaken, hopefully, to the satisfaction—or some satisfaction—of the petitioners.

**Sandy Mewies:** Do Members agree to move on on that basis? I see that you do.

## Atodiad 2

## Y Pwyllgor Deisebau

### Petitions Committee

Edwina Hart AM  
Minister for Health and Social  
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Welsh Assembly Government  
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Bae Caerdydd / Cardiff Bay  
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Our ref: PET-03-166

28 October 2008

Dear Edwina

#### **PETITION: ABERTILLERY AND DISTRICT HOSPITAL**

At its meeting on 16th October, the Petitions Committee gave initial consideration to a petition opposing the closure of Abertillery and District Hospital. A link to the wording of the petition is attached below:

<http://assemblywales.org/gethome/e-petitions-old/dogfennau-busnes-deisebau/p-03-166.htm>

The Committee agreed to write to you to ask:

- whether you intend to keep the hospital land and buildings within the health community
- whether the hospital building is listed

Thank you for your consideration of this matter, and I look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely



**Val Lloyd**  
Chair, Petitions Committee

**Edwina Hart AM MBE**

Y Gweinidog dros Iechyd a Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol  
Minister for Health and Social Services

Our ref: EH/05047/08

Your ref: PET-03-166

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*Dear Val*

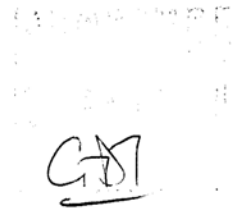
5<sup>th</sup> November 2008

Thank you for your letter of 28 October on behalf of the Petitions Committee about a petition opposing the closure of Abertillery and District Hospital.

Following the closure of this hospital, Gwent Healthcare NHS Trust proposes to sell the land and it will have no further use as a health facility.

The hospital building is not listed. However, CADW has indicated that it is considering listing the main building and entrance gates.

*Edwina*



## Y Pwyllgor Deisebau

### Petitions Committee

Mrs. Edwina Hart AM  
Minister for Health and Social  
Services  
Welsh Assembly Government  
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Our ref: PET-03-166

01 December 2008

Dear Edwina

#### **PETITION: ABERTILLERY AND DISTRICT HOSPITAL**

Thank you for your previous response in relation to the above petition. The Petitions Committee considered your response at its meeting on 20 November 2008. The Committee agreed to ask that you assist it further by clarifying whether:

- The sale of health trust estates requires the approval of a Welsh Minister
- The receipts from the sale of health trust estates are returned centrally to the Welsh Assembly Government

Thank you for your consideration of this matter, and I look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely



**Val Lloyd**  
Chair, Petitions Committee

**Edwina Hart AM MBE**

Y Gweinidog dros Iechyd a Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol  
Minister for Health and Social Services

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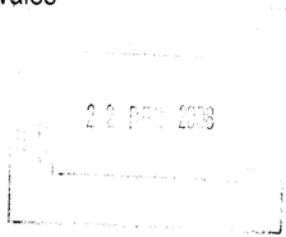


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*Daw Val*

17<sup>th</sup> December 2008

Thank you for your letter of 1 December about the petition your Committee is considering in respect of Abertillery and District Hospital.

I am currently reviewing my guidance regarding the sale of NHS land and property in the context of the planned reorganisation and current adverse market conditions. I can confirm, however, that currently NHS Trusts do not need my approval to dispose of property unless the sale price is a concessionary sale at less than market value.

Regarding your second point I can confirm that current guidance will allow the local NHS Trust to retain the proceeds from this particular sale.

*EW*

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### Petitions Committee

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Our ref: PET-03-166

4 February 2009

Dear

#### **Petition P-03-166 Abertillery District Hospital**

Thank you for your letter dated 17 December in relation to the above petition.

You mentioned that you are currently reviewing your guidance regarding the sale of NHS land and property. We have been led to believe, however, that there may be a change to the threshold at which Trusts would lose the right to retain the proceeds of sales, which would make a material difference in this particular case. We would therefore be grateful if you could let us know when the new guidance will be applied, and if we could receive a copy of the new guidance when it is available?

Thank you for your continued assistance in this matter, and I look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely

**Val Lloyd**  
Chair, Petitions Committee

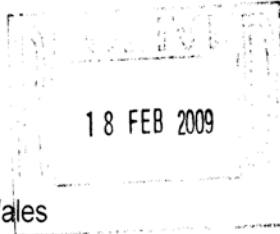
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Y Gweinidog dros Iechyd a Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol  
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17 February 2009

*Dear Val*

Thank you for your letter of 4 February in respect of Abertillery and District Hospital.

I can confirm that the new guidance will come into force from 1 April 2009  
The main point of this guidance is to reduce the amount that NHS Trusts can retain from sale proceeds to £500,000.

It is very difficult at this point in time, due to market conditions, to place an accurate valuation on Abertillery and District Hospital, but I am advised that the application of the new guidance is not likely to make a material difference in this instance.

*EW*



## Atodiad 3

## Y Pwyllgor Deisebau

### Petitions Committee

Mr Andrew Cottom  
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Our ref: PET-03-166

6 March 2009

#### **Petition P-03-166 Abertillery and District Hospital**

The Petitions Committee has been considering a petition against the closure of Abertillery and District Hospital. On 02 March 2009, the Committee considered a letter from the Minister for Health and Social Services regarding the new guidance she is issuing in relation to the amount individual NHS Trusts can retain from the sale of land and property. She has informed the Committee that the maximum amount individual NHS Trusts can retain is £500,000. She has further informed the Committee that she has been advised that the application of this new guidance *'will not make a material difference'* to the sale of Abertillery and District Hospital.

The Committee agreed to inform Gwent Healthcare NHS Trust's view of the Minister's position. I enclose a copy of the letter for your reference, and would welcome any further views you may have on this issue.

Yours sincerely

**Val Lloyd**  
Chair, Petitions Committee

## Atodiad 4

## Y Pwyllgor Deisebau

### Petitions Committee

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Our ref: PET-03-166

2 April 2009

Dear Alun Ffred

#### **Petition P-03-166 Abertillery Hospital**

The Petitions Committee is considering a petition that is calling for the Welsh Assembly Government to look into and address the proposed closure of Abertillery and District Hospital by the Local Health Board.

The Committee is currently waiting for a response from Gwent Healthcare NHS Trust regarding the sale of the site, but in the meantime, we wanted to follow up a letter we received from the Minister for Health and Social Services on 5 November (please see copy enclosed) that refers to a possible listing of the main hospital building and entrance gates by CADW.

The Committee would be grateful if you could update us on this issue.

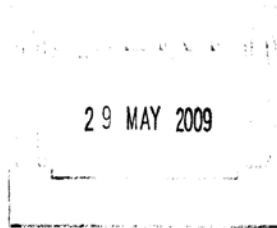
With many thanks

Yours sincerely



**Val Lloyd**  
Chair, Petitions Committee

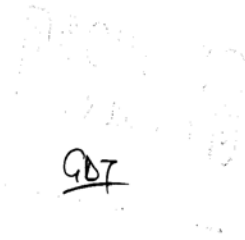
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Val Lloyd AM  
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28 May 2009

Dear Val,

Thank you for your letter of 2 April about Cadw's examination of the former Abertillery and District Hospital for listing as a building of special architectural or historic interest.

The hospital and the memorial gates were listed, at grade II, on 20 February 2009. Copies of the list descriptions which provide the reason for listing are attached.

As the Committee will be aware from other concurrent work relating to historic buildings, listing is not a preservation order but a marker to the planning authority to help guide and inform any prospective changes to the building affecting its character. My officials in Cadw have worked closely with Welsh Health Estates and the Gwent Healthcare NHS Trust about the proposal to list the former hospital and have contributed to a conservation plan to help inform works to the building to provide it with a new and sustainable use. My officials attended an open day at the hospital on 2 April, also with the local authority, to explain to prospective new owners the effect of listing, the processes for applying for listed building consent and the range of technical and other assistance available.

I hope this is helpful.

**Alun Ffred Jones AC/AM**  
Y Gweinidog dros Dreftadaeth/Minister for Heritage

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Name	<b>Abertillery and District Hospital (original ranges only)</b>		
Street No, Name	<b>Pendarren Road</b>		

#### Location

The hospital is situated to the south of the Abertillery valley, high up on a spur of land overlooking the confluence of the River Ebbw and the River Ebbw Fach, and approached from Pantddu Road, where it is adjacent to the parish church of Llanhilleth.

#### History

The hospital was founded in 1920, commissioned and paid for by the miners of the Abertillery area, via a subscription levied on wages. It was designed by Walter Prosser of Newport. The foundation stone was laid by the chairman of Powell's Tillery Steam Coal Co Ltd, John Lancaster and Co Ltd, Lancasters Steam Coal Collieries Ltd. The hospital opened in 1922. In 1925, one of the first Marie Stopes Birth Control Clinics in Wales was opened here. Subsequent small-scale extension has left the original building substantially unaltered. Ancillary range, including mortuary building, in the grounds.

#### Exterior

The hospital comprises two parallel ranges linked by a short corridor: the administration, treatment and accommodation block forms the main range, with the ward block to its rear. In its separation of the elements, it represents a scaled-down version of the pavilion plan which had become a norm for hospital planning from the mid-nineteenth century. Both ranges have a common architectural language (arts-and-crafts or domestic revival), but the main block has a more elaborate architectural scheme with a higher level of enrichment. Flemish bond brick-work with some tile-hanging to main elevation of main range, render to its sides and rear, and to ward block, bold clay tiled roofs with strongly projecting eaves and wrought-iron brackets to gutters throughout.

The main range is designed to resemble a house, in an expressive arts and crafts idiom, displaying the influences of Voysey and Lutyens. A long two-storeyed range with axial stacks in steeply pitched hipped roof, which is swept down over the ground floor at each end. The range is symmetrically set out with advanced hipped gables at either end, and 3 linking bays to either side of the slightly advanced entrance block. The façade is articulated by the use of plain brick pilasters between the bays, and the windows are clasped between the pilasters to form rhythmic bands of fenestration. Entrance block of 3 bays, breaking the eaves line to form a parapet, with gable over the central bay, enriched with raised brick diaper work. Wide central entrance clasped by pilasters, with very shallow arched head and brick-work imposts stepped back to paired inner doors, panelled with leaded glazed upper lights and overlight. Above the entrance, a long 5-light wood mullioned window with leaded lights, aligned with all other first floor windows to form a strong band of fenestration. Tile-hanging between doorway and this window. Flanking bays of entrance block have wood mullioned and transomed windows with leaded lights to ground floor (with foundation stones as aprons), and small 2-light mullioned windows above; herringbone tile-work between the ground and first floor windows. To either side of the entrance block, 3 bays with windows of 4, 2 and 4 lights, mullioned and transomed to ground floor, mullioned to first floor, and immediately below the eaves.

Advanced gables at either end, each with steep hipped roof with distinctive pitch change at apex, and pilasters clasping 4-light mullioned window beneath the eaves. Varying ground-floor detail: left-hand gable was an original entrance (to the casualty department), and has round-arched doorway with stepped-back brickwork detail in arch, and paired doors with glazed upper panels. Main roof sweeps down over ground floor to its left, where there is a narrow rendered bay forming the return of the side elevation: large, asymmetrical roof, with two hipped-dormers; series of ground floor windows with

transoms, variously 3, 2 and 1 light. Right hand gable has mullioned and transomed window to ground floor; beyond it, the roof again sweeps down over the ground floor, with narrow recessed rendered bay forming the return of side elevation: this has narrow round-arched service entrance, and single light transomed windows.

Detached ward block to rear, with linking corridor: two wards, in long range, symmetrical to either side of the corridor. Single storeyed, with steep hipped roof. Regular fenestration - 2-pane sash windows with top-lights immediately below the eaves. Buttresses define day room at each end; these have hipped roof carried on brackets over canted bay window (in left-hand ward this is advanced from the gable end, and in right-hand ward, from the end of the east elevation). Three original service blocks to rear.

#### **Interior**

Original layout survives with only minor alteration: mosaic-tiled entrance lobby gives access to long corridor forming the link to the ward block at the rear. This is lined with turquoise-tiled dado, and there is similar tile-work to ward corridors. Each ward has small rooms opening off central corridor, then the main ward subdivided by a cross wall, with well-lit day room at far end. Main block housed kitchen and staff rooms to right, with treatment rooms etc to left; offices and staff quarters to first floor, where the doctors' sitting room is distinguished by a timber-framed ingle-nook fireplace, built-in cupboards and window seats.

#### **Listed**

Listed as an exceptionally well-preserved example of a small cottage hospital, retaining original layout (a good, small-scale example of the pavilion plan), and skilfully designed using a domestic arts-and-crafts idiom to convey its ethos of care.

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Authority	Caerphilly	Record No	87580	DateListed	20/02/2009
Community	Crumlin			Grid Ref	320645
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Name	Memorial Gates to Abertillery and District Hospital				
Street No, Name	Pendarren Road				

#### Location

At the end of Pendarren Road, at the entrance to the hospital grounds.

#### History

Panels on the gates record that they were given by "The Abertillery Municipal Officers as a tribute to their colleagues who served in the Great War 1914-1918."

#### Exterior

Cast-iron gates and gate-piers. Paired main gates flanked by smaller side gate to left which is balanced by fixed rail section to right. Square-section piers with moulded panel detail, capitals and ornate caps to main gates, and similar but simpler terminal piers to either side. Main gates have closely spaced rails and diagonal brace below the dog bar, side panels with lyre motif above it, and ornate scroll-work surmounting the top rail. Similar detail to side gate (and fixed rail section to right), but with swept down top rail; short length of plain spear head railings beyond side gate, and at right-angles to fixed rail section. Original cast panels recording history incorporated in design of main gates, and set beneath the top rail.

#### Listed

Listed as good early 20th century cast-iron work, as a war memorial, and for group value with Abertillery and District Hospital.





