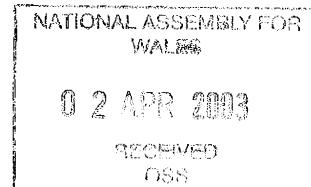


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24th March, 2003.

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Dear Mr. Rogers

Mr. David Baglow of the Central Support Team of the NHS Wales Department has written to me asking for information concerning Glasmor Ward, Ysbyty Penrhos Stanley, Holyhead as a consequence of a number of Assembly Questions posed by yourself. The information requested is as follows:

1. The number of beds is 15, allocated for the assessment, treatment and respite care of patients suffering from dementia.
2. Therefore, I can confirm that Glasmor Ward is intended to contribute to the process of assessment and diagnosis of people with dementia (including Alzheimer's Disease).
3. Glasmor Ward is the only inpatient psychiatric unit for dementia on Anglesey. There are other units within the boundary of the North West Wales NHS Trust i.e. Gwynedd.
4. There are currently 7 patients on Glasmor Ward who have occupied beds for between 2 and 7 years.
5. One patient has occupied a bed for 7 years. However, the important and significant point for this patient and the other six patients is that they no longer need specialist psychiatric care. Therefore, their nursing requirements could be appropriately met in a non-psychiatric nursing environment.

Yours sincerely,


Keith Thomson
Chief Executive.

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c.c. Mr. D. Baglow, Central Support Team, NHS Wales Department.

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