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Introducing the Plas Menai Health Centre Voluntary Transport Scheme

Introduction

The GP Partners of the Plas Menai Health Centre are pleased to announce the introduction of a Voluntary Transport Scheme, which is aimed at supporting the patient community following the recent closure of the Llys Meddyg Surgery in Penmaenmawr. It was recognised that the closure of the surgery would cause particular impact to certain patients who may be genuinely hindered in their ability to travel to the Health Centre in Llanfairfechan. To reduce this impact the GP Partners are launching a Voluntary Transport Scheme. The scheme, although a not-for-profit scheme will carry a small charge for patients who elect to use it and are accepted to the scheme. This funding will help to maintain and develop the scheme.

So what exactly is the Plas Menai Voluntary Transport Scheme

It is the intention of the Plas Menai Health Centre to develop a transport scheme that will help those patients who genuinely find difficulty in being able to attend the Health Centre located in Llanfairfechan. The scheme is managed by the health centre but is run by a band of appropriately checked, willing volunteer drivers – without them the scheme would not have taken off!

How does the scheme work?

Patients who wish to be considered for the scheme need to register specifically to the scheme. This can be done in a number of ways:

- ✓ You can register through your GP – next time you meet with them and wish to be considered for the scheme please ask for a registration form;
- ✓ Through a health professional or social services – if you are currently being seen by a health professional [such as a district nurse or health visitor] or the social services then please ask them if they would support your registration and then complete the registration forms that can be found on our website at www.plasmenaihealthcentre.co.uk
- ✓ Through a family member or friend [with the patients knowledge and consent] – to do this, you can have your family member or friend complete the registration and submit it to the health centre on your behalf;
- ✓ Personally – you can complete the registration form yourself and submit it to the health centre.

What happens then?

Once we receive a Voluntary Transport Scheme Registration Request we will assess the reasons why you are making the request. If we feel the reasons fall within the aims of the scheme then we will contact you and place you onto the register. If we feel your reasons fall outside of what the health centre [GP Partners] believe to be appropriate for the scheme then we will contact you to inform you of the decision. You can appeal the decision and details of how you can appeal will be available on our website at www.plasmenaihealthcentre.co.uk

So when does the Voluntary Transport Scheme start?

The scheme is planned to start on **Monday, 9 July 2018**. We intend to have designated clinics for those patients who are registered to use the scheme. These will be held on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.

For more information visit:

www.plasmenaihealthcentre.co.uk

