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### **Save our Surgery & Pharmacy – Response by Pentyrch Community Council**

**The Community Council would like to thank PSOS for its letter of the 13<sup>th</sup> January .**

**Unfortunately , this was received too late for the Community Council to consider the letter at its meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> January . The reasons for this were explained to those representatives of PSOS who attended the meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> January .**

**The letter suggests that the Community Council does not “ have a position “ on the relocation of the surgery .**

**This is not true .**

**In January 2021 the Community Council was consulted by Cardiff Council on the planning application for the construction of a new medical centre at Rhydlyfar .**

**The Community Council objected to the planning application & the objections are a matter of public record .**

**In February 2021 the Community Council wrote to the Minister for Health & Social Services & this letter was copied to Mark Drakeford ( MS ) & the Cardiff & Vale Health Board .**

**The letter expressed the concerns of the Community Council to the proposed closure of the Llandaff satellite surgery in Pentyrch .**

**Both the letter to Cardiff Council objecting to the planning application & the letter to Welsh Government & the Health Board were included in the Spring 2021 edition of the Community Link ( available to view on PCC website ) , in**

**order that residents were fully informed of the actions of the Community Council .**

**In view of the strength of feeling within the community the Community Health Council convened a number of on-line meetings to better understand the concerns . A number of community councillors attended some of these meetings & the CHC subsequently made representations to Cardiff & Vale Health Board which led to mediated discussions between the CHC & the Health Board . No agreement was reached & the CHC referred the matter to the Minister for Health & Social Services . The Minister upheld the decision of the Health Board .**

**Unfortunately , the efforts made by the Community Council were unsuccessful . Cardiff & Vale Health Board have continued with their plans to create a medical centre at Rhydlafer .**

**PCC recognises that some of the community continue to have concerns about the consultation process & will be writing again to the relevant parties .**

**PCC has always recognised the transport difficulties faced by some members of the community in travelling to Rhydlafer , & following an exploratory discussion held with the statutory partners in Autumn 22 will continue to work with them to find solutions .**