



6 July 2023

MP/MLA

TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF EMERGENCY GENERAL SURGERY AT SWAH: CONSULTATION FINDINGS REPORT

The public consultation on the temporary suspension of Emergency General Surgery at SWAH commenced on Tuesday 17 January 2023 for a period of 12 weeks, closing in April 2023. The report of the findings from the consultation was considered by our Trust Board on 6 July 2023, and is attached for your information. The themes which arose from the consultation have been summarised in the “Findings” section of the report. The Trust has provided relevant responses for each theme.

The consultation was an important opportunity for the Corporate Management Team and Trust Board to see the issues which were raised during the public consultation, and how the Trust has responded to these. This includes the actions the Trust has taken or intends to take in light of the Findings, and provides information on the numbers of patients who have accessed the alternative patient pathways, or have continued to receive their emergency care at SWAH.

This is the final stage of the consultation process on the temporary suspension of Emergency General Surgery at SWAH. The change was implemented for reasons of public safety in December 2022, and revised patient pathways have been in place since then, which will continue at this time.

The safety and effectiveness of the patient pathways will continue to be monitored by the Trust going forward to give assurance that they continue to provide safe and effective care for those patients requiring emergency general surgery.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Neil Guckian'.

**MR NEIL GUCKIAN
CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

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