

Item 3c – Presentation For the attention of the Scrutiny Committee

The documents that were sent to you beforehand will show, amongst other things:-

- (i) That **Financial Saving** rather than improving healthcare was the Health Board's priority in January 2013 when they voted to close Ffestiniog Memorial Hospital and to remove essential services from the Welsh Uplands (i.e. Minor Injuries Cover, X-ray facilities, two branch surgeries and a reliable and stable Medical Practice.)

(See List of Quotations pages 19 – 20 and, in particular, Chief Exec. Mary Burrows' admission before being removed from her post)

- (ii) That Health Board officials, in order to justify their plans, were prepared to offer information that was not only misleading at times but also completely disingenuous and even untrue.

(See pages 20 – 22)

- (iii) That they have, time and time again, chosen to turn a blind eye and a deaf ear to **the area's problems and to its people's concerns and complaints** – an area that they themselves readily admit to being one that suffers serious deprivation.

(Several examples to substantiate this point can be found in the selection of letters to Health Board officials over the years.)

- (iv) That BCUHB have clearly **DISCRIMINATED** against the indigenous Welsh-speaking population of Blaenau and the Welsh Uplands, and that such discrimination even had racial undertones.

(See page 23 in list of quotations)

- (v) That Board officials, over the years, have shown an incredible **geographical ignorance** about the Welsh Uplands. This points not only to a lack of concern about the welfare of the indigenous Welsh-speaking population but underlines also the Board's intention to perpetuate the mess that was created in 2013, when essential health services were removed from the area.

(See 3(ch) on page 22 and Simon Dean's biased and discriminatory claims on pages 23 - 24)