

Amman Gwendraeth Cluster Plans 2024/25



Our goal within the Amman Gwendraeth Cluster is to identify local population needs and innovate to link extant and de novo projects we believe will meet those needs. Providing social prescribers, additional services from third sector agencies and connecting people to Local Authority social care and leisure services will improve the availability and visibility of health and social care infrastructure on our doorstep, leading to acceptable and popular wellbeing opportunities available to all. We aim to connect all four primary care statutory services and integrate and co-ordinate community-based service provision by working with community partners, utilising Welsh Senedd money wisely.

About our Population

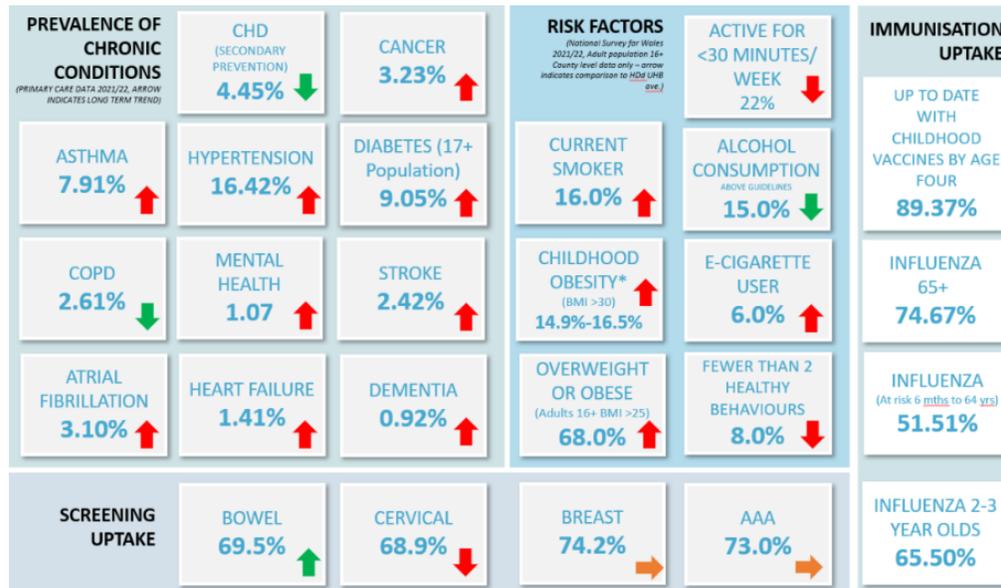


Males – **48.9%**
Females – **51.1%**

Aged 65+ – **23.9%**
Aged 85+ – **2.8%**



44.3% of people are in very good general health



About our Services



- **8 GP Practices** with **7 Branch Surgeries**
- **4 Dental Practices** and **0 Orthodontic Practice**
- **16 Community Pharmacies**
- **5 Optometry Practices**
- **1 Community Hospital**
- **12 Nursing and Residential Homes**
- **1 Community Resource Team**

Between 1st April 2022 and 31st March 2023:

- There were **425,370 GP** appointments of which **45%** were face to face
- **39%** of the appointments were urgent
- There were **3,240** consultations in the PIPs service for common ailments
- **1,752,978** items were dispensed by Pharmacies
- **587** people were seen by the Independent Prescribing Optometry Service



Cluster Budget (Recurrent)

- Spend for 2023/24 is **£537k**
- Budget for 2024/25 is **£444k**



Cluster Priorities 2023/24

- 1) Improved access to **low level – medium Mental Health services** for the population that includes CBT, Counselling, EMDR & other psychotherapeutic approaches for adults and younger people.
- 2) **Chronic Pain** is a common but extremely complex issue the development of a pathway in primary care to support the biopsychosocial management of persistent pain through pain education and management interventions, working in a multidisciplinary way..
- 3) **Dermatology Service** - GPwSI practitioners are able to contribute positively by managing the workload and reduce the burden on mainstream dermatology services through timely access to specialist diagnostic skills and minor surgery for patients presenting with dermatological disease, such as non-pigmented lesions.

Cluster Priorities 2024/25

- 1) To continue to improve access to **mental health services** for those with low – medium mental health issues, who would otherwise not meet the criteria..
- 2) The continuation of the **Chronic Pain service** through an MDT approach and, empowering patients to make better lifestyle choices by getting to the root of their pain.
- 3) Develop the **integration of the optometry and pharmacy collaboratives** and ensuring they are being supported at a cluster level. The Cluster would like to support the Optometry collaboratives in funding for new equipment in 2024/25, in particular mobile slit lamps to improve access for patients in the community, which will help to reduce the number of referrals made to Ophthalmology within secondary care, through providing care in Optometric practices.