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UNANNOUNCED CLEANLINESS SPOT CHECK ON POWYS TEACHING HEALTH BOARD HOSPITAL PUBLISHED TODAY

Report identifies acceptable standard of cleanliness at Ystradgynlais hospital.

The report of an unannounced cleanliness spot check undertaken by Healthcare Inspectorate Wales (HIW) to Ystradgynlais Hospital is being published today, 24 March 2010.

The visit was undertaken as part of HIW's rolling programme of unannounced cleanliness spot checks.

The ward visited at Ystradgynlais hospital was found to be of an acceptable standard of cleanliness and domestic cleaning was assessed as being good. However, there were a number of inappropriate items being stored within the linen room and the domestic room was visibly dirty.

We had visited the ward in July 2009 and had raised concerns in relation to estates, cleanliness and infection control issues and issued an immediate action notice. While, a number of issues had been addressed there are still a number of outstanding estates issues, for which the Health Board is giving consideration to the best way forward. We will undertake a further follow-up visit in due course.

A copy of the full report with findings and recommendations is available by visiting the HIW website at www.hiw.org.uk

Note to Editors

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