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Powys Teaching Health Board: Ionising Radiation (Medical Exposure) Regulations 2000 and the Ionising Radiation (Medical Exposure) Amendment Regulations 2006 (IR(ME)R)

Healthcare Inspectorate Wales (HIW) has today (Tuesday 29 June 2010) published its report of its inspection of Victoria Memorial, Brecon War Memorial and Ystradgynlais Community Hospitals' compliance with the Ionising Radiation (Medical Exposure) Regulations 2000 and the Ionising Radiation (Medical Exposure) Amendment Regulations 2006 (IR(ME)R).

The regulations are intended to:

- Protect patients from unintended, excessive or incorrect exposure to radiation and ensure that, in each case, the risk from exposure is assessed against the clinical benefit.
- To ensure that patients receive no more exposure than is necessary to achieve the desired benefit within the limits of current technology.
- To protect volunteers in medical or biomedical, diagnostic or therapeutic research programmes and those undergoing medico-legal exposures.

A copy of this report can be found on the HIW Website www.hiw.org.uk