Models of acute care in Wales

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Disclosures

• None
Wales

• Population approx. 3.1 million
Deprivation in Wales

Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation 2014

by Lower Level Super Output Areas
Rnk Most Deprived
1 - 191 10% most deprived
192 - 382 10-20% most deprived
383 - 573 20-30% most deprived
574 - 955 30-50% most deprived
956 - 1909 50% least deprived
Least Deprived

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NHS Wales

• Healthcare in Wales is devolved to the Welsh Assembly

• In common with the other UK nations:
  • Universal
  • Free at the point of use
  • Accessed via general practitioner or ED
Structure of NHS Wales

- Integrated health boards
- No commissioner-provider split
- No foundation trusts
- No payment by results
- Local authorities and health boards share geographical boundaries and must work in partnership
Acute medicine in Wales

• 17 AMUs
• Variable penetrance of acute physicians
• Wide variety of acute medicine care models
Advantages to being small?

- Less levels in the system
- Stronger ability to influence policy
- More responsive to new issues
Integrated care

• Community / primary / hospital services
• Health and social care services
• Has lead to the development of integrated frailty / “hospital at home” services across most of Wales
Emergency hospital admissions

Change since 2008/9

Source: NHS England HES / StatsWales
Change in “beds blocked” since Jan 2011

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Some other facts about NHS Wales

• Free prescriptions
• Free car parking
• No new junior doctor contract
Thank you