



# Hospital Facts

- **Less than 20% of contacts between Welsh patients and the NHS take place in a hospital – the rest take place in the community**
- **The number of hospital beds in Wales, as elsewhere in the UK, is falling – a drop of 4% since 2000 and of 13% since 1995-6**
- **The cost of a hospital bed is around £2000 a week**
- **Wales has around 130 hospitals**
- **Without changes to the way hospitals work, compliance with the European Working Time Directive by NHS Trusts in Wales would be only 29% by 2009**

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