

In accordance with Standing Order 28, Ms Wathen, Chair of the Keep our NHS Public, Swindon, submitted additional written question following the meeting regarding places of safety.

Question:

What assurances can AWP give that GWH A&E will not be used as a place of safety during the pilot period of the closure of Sandalwood Court Place of Safety?

Response:

“Since the temporary closure of the Swindon PoS, no Service Users have been taken to GWH ED as a result of no capacity within the East PoS.

It is important to note that a person detained in the community under a Section 136 may require assessment at GWH ED due to physical needs, but following this and once medically fit they will be transferred to the East PoS.”