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Dear Colleague

Decision making meeting on future of local hospital services set for 29 January 2019

We are writing to update you following the Future Fit Consultation on the future of hospital services for the people of Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin and mid Wales, which ran from 30 May to 11 September 2018.

We are now pleased to confirm that the Joint Committee of Telford & Wrekin and Shropshire CCGs will meet on 29 January to make a decision on the two options designed to transform the hospital services provided at the county's two hospitals. This is subject to a further meeting with NHS England due to take place in the next week.

You are welcome to attend the Joint Committee meeting, which will be held in public at 6.30pm at Harper Adams University, Edmond, Newport TF10 8NB. The meeting will also be live streamed via a webcast which can be accessed at www.nhsfuturefit.org

The Committee will be made up of 15 voting members, which includes three clinicians, two lay members and one executive from each CCG Governing Body, plus two voting independent clinicians and a voting independent chair.

The Joint Committee meeting marks the end of the 'conscientious consideration' phase, in which both CCGs, together with key stakeholders, have taken time to hear, reflect and comment on the feedback from the consultation. This has involved a series of meetings, including the Joint HOSC of Telford & Wrekin and Shropshire Councils, Powys Community Health Council and the boards of both CCGs, Powys Teaching Health Board, The Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust and Shropshire Community Health NHS Trust.

During this time we have also looked in detail at the additional work that has been ongoing for some months. This includes public, community and non-emergency travel and transport activity, ambulance modelling, the plans to improve community services for health and care closer to home.

We are delighted that our consultation received more than 18,500 survey responses - meaning more than 3% of the population served by the county's two hospitals had their say. The figure is considerably higher than the average response rate for UK public consultations. We also received over 200 letters and emails and feedback from hundreds of meetings, events and focus groups.

An independent report on the Consultation Findings has been published at www.nhsfuturefit.org and includes survey feedback, together with analysis of the many public consultation events, meetings and discussions with seldom heard groups.

We will write to you again following the outcome of the Joint Committee meeting on 29 January. On behalf of both CCGs, we look forward to continuing to work with you and involving you to help us design the best possible healthcare for the population of Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin and mid Wales.

Yours sincerely



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