

I think you have spoken with Edward Towers regarding the objections to the closure of one of the Telford and Shrewsbury A&E departments. Surveys across Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin (including Oswestry, Shrewsbury, Bishops Castle, Ludlow, Broseley, Bridgenorth, Much Wenlock, and Wem) are unsurprisingly strong in support of retaining both fully functioning A&Es. The aggregate response across ST&W is 96.8% in support of both A&Es from 1614 survey participants. (This total is well in excess of statistical validity).

The original Future Fit consultation was seen as being limited as only two, either / or options were given with a leading preference for one of them.

The recent surveys show that there is a clear public preference for both A&E's to remain open. **It would be good if Wem Council reflected the clear view of the Town and supported it.**

I understand that the minutes for the Wem Town Council meeting on the 30th November have already been sent, however if you could add this item to the agenda we would be very grateful, and even more so if it is adopted!

- draft motion to Wem Town Council

READS: -

*Wem Town Council recognises the strength of public opinion reflected in a public survey of opinion in Wem, in which 98.8% of those polled responded 'YES' to the proposition – [Should both Shrewsbury A&E and Telford A&E remain fully functioning A&E's ?](#)*

*Very similar survey results are obtained from surveying 12 Shropshire and Telford and Wrekin Towns from which the average response is 96.8% support from 1614 people polled. This is a statistically valid sample, well exceeding a 95% 'confidence level' and a 3% 'error margin' from a population of Shropshire Telford and Wrekin assumed to be 500,000.*

*This Council notes the strength of public opinion in these survey results and, resolves to formally request that NHS Shropshire Telford and Wrekin, Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust, NHS Midlands and Lancashire Commissioning Support Unit, and NHS England commit to re-considering the Future Fit/Hospitals Transformation Programme (to have a single Emergency Department), in light of these significant polling results.*

*We request responses from each of the above mentioned NHS*

Regards

Malcolm Adkins