

NHS Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin Clinical Commissioning Groups Future Fit Joint Committee Meeting

Monday 12th December 2016, Telford International Centre

Some Questions and Answers

1. Why is a joint meeting of the CCG's taking place tonight?

The joint committee is here to consider the recommendation on the future of Acute Hospital Services made by the NHS Future Fit Programme Board at its meeting on Wednesday November 30 2016.

2. What is the joint committee being asked to consider?

To confirm which options for Acute Hospital Services the CCGs believe at this stage remain deliverable and should go out to public consultation.

3. What were the recommendations of the NHS Future Fit Programme Board

	Princess Royal Telford	Royal Shrewsbury Hospital
A	No change	No change
B	EC UCC LPC W&C	DTC UCC LPC
C ₁	DTC UCC LPC	EC UCC LPC W&C
C ₂	DTC UCC LPC W&C	EC UCC LPC

EC	Emergency Centre	DTC	Diagnostic & Treatment Centre
UCC	Urgent Care Centre	LPC	Local Planned Care
		W&C	Women & Children's Services

There were four:

- “Do nothing” (the current hospital configuration) is not seen as a deliverable option, but needs to remain in business cases as the baseline – this is normal in public consultations
- Option C2 is not clinically deliverable and is therefore not taken forward into formal public consultation
- Both Options B and C1 are deemed financially and clinically deliverable and will therefore form part of the public consultation process
- Option C1 is taken into the consultation process as the Preferred Option

4. Does the Joint Committee need to agree to all four of these recommendations?

The committee can agree to all, some or none of the recommendations.

5. Will an agreement constitute a final decision on hospital services?

No, it just informs the format of the public consultation that will take place.

6. How is the committee constituted?

There is equal representation from each CCG on the committee, with each CCG nominating three clinicians, two lay members and one executive

7. Who else will be sitting around the table?

The meeting is being chaired by an independent chair, and Powys Health Board will be represented but will be a non-voting member. Representative from each of Telford and Wrekin Healthwatch, Shropshire Healthwatch, Powys Community Health Council, Telford and Wrekin Council and Shropshire Council have been invited to attend as observers

8. Who is the independent chair?

The independent chair is Andy Williams. Andy is the Accountable Officer for NHS Sandwell and West Birmingham Clinical Commissioning Group. He has over 30 years' experience working for the NHS. Both CCGs have agreed to his appointment and that he has no conflict of interests.

9. Why is there a need for an Independent Chair?

As it is a joint committee it is considered that an independent chair is more appropriate than assigning a Chair from one of the CCGs who could be accused of having a bias or conflict of interests.

10. Will people only be able to comment on those recommendations accepted tonight during the consultation?

No. There will be absolutely no restrictions on how people can respond during the consultation. Everyone will be able to express their thoughts completely freely. All responses will be analysed and will feed into the final consultation report.

11. When will the consultation begin and how long will it last?

The public consultation is now likely to begin in late January 2017. It will last for a full 12 weeks. There will need to be a break during the consultation during in the period before Shropshire Council elections. Consultation guidelines produced by the Consultation Institute encourage a break period.

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13. Will any new evidence be considered that was not considered by the NHS Future Fit Programme Board when it met on November 30?

Yes. On November 30 feedback received by the West Midlands Clinical Senate who had been tasked with producing a report on the NHS Future Fit Programme was considered. That report has now been published in full. The report is a major piece of work by a team of 18 experts drawn from across the health and care sector regionally. It is available on the West Midlands Clinical Senate Website, the NHS Future Fit website and the websites of both CCGs.

14. What is the IIA that is being considered by the Joint Committee?

The IIA – the Integrated Impact Assessment – is an independent report into the likely impact of the NHS Future Fit proposals. It looks in detail at a number of clinical and not clinical consequences of the options being considered. It also looks at the likely consequences that decision making will have on people with “protected characteristics” such as old age or disability.

15. Why was the IIA not asked to consider the implications of moving the Women and Children Centre from Telford?

It has been agreed to commission further work to address this point over the coming weeks. The IIA is a working document, meaning it can be updated and added to.

16. When will a final decision on hospital reconfiguration takes place?

Not before mid 2017. There will still be a lot of work to do, including detailed analysis of the consultation responses. Permission to proceed will also be needed from a number of national organisations. A final decision will be taken by the two CCGs based on all the evidence available.