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### Madeley Town Council Response to the NHS Future Fit Consultation

Madeley Town Council would like to thank David Evans and Alison Smith from the Telford & Wrekin Clinical Commissioning Group for attending the Madeley Town Council meeting on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2018 to talk about Future Fit and to answer questions.

During the debate about the Future Fit options the following points were made:

- Travel to and between hospital sites can be difficult and costly, especially for people who do not have their own transport.
- The original decision to locate the Women & Children's Centre at Telford was made for clear clinical reasons, with Telford having a younger population and more women using the service living closer to the Princess Royal Hospital.
- Two thirds of all children and pregnant women admitted to hospital live nearer to the Princess Royal Hospital.
- Although the Madeley Parish is diverse, with some areas relatively affluent, there are significant pockets of deprivation. Some areas in South Telford are ranked in the most 10% deprived nationally.
- Option 1 (Emergency Care at the RSH) would be harmful to the people of South Telford.
- Recalling the Hospital Action Group of 40 years ago - Telford campaigned hard to have a hospital and now it is at risk of being effectively downgraded.
- Option 2 (Emergency Care at the PRH) is clearly the more viable option financially – has the need to spend £100 million on a long overdue refurbishment of the RSH affected the Future Fit preferred option?
- Most births are in Telford and most planned care required in Shrewsbury so Option 2 makes more sense. Was the decision skewed by where Consultants live and prefer to practice?
- £27 million was recently spent on the women and children's unit at the PRH because it was realised that Telford & East Shropshire has the greatest need for obstetric and paediatric care.
- Option C2 (Emergency Care at the RSH and Planned Care at the PRH with women and children's inpatient services retained at the PRH) would be better for the needs of Telford than Option 1.
- Transfers from a midwife led unit to a Consultant led Obstetric Unit in labour are traumatic.
- Asking people to choose between having the emergency care site in either Shrewsbury or Telford is setting communities against each other. Both sites should retain these services.

It was **resolved** unanimously that Madeley Town Council support **Option 2**: Emergency Care site is the Princess Royal Hospital and the Planned Care site is the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital.

It was also **resolved** that Madeley Town Council should send a letter to NHS Future Fit including the points made at the Council meeting and **expressing their strong preference for 24 hour Emergency Care on both hospital sites.**