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We are supportive of Royal Shrewsbury Hospital (RSH) becoming the centre for emergency care with Princess Royal hospital (PRH) becoming the centre for planned care. This is because:

- The Redwoods Centre (in-patient mental health unit) is based in Shrewsbury neighbouring RSH, so it is important that we have access to emergency acute care
- We provide two Rapid Assessment, Intervention & Discharge (RAID) teams into SaTH (Shrewsbury and Telford Hospitals Acute Trust). The RSH team provides care 24/7 and the PRH team provides care 8am-10pm, so the change is supported by current operating times of the RAID teams.
- The transfer of people detained under Section 136 Mental Health Act 1983 (originally taken to the proposed centre for emergency care at RSH for physical healthcare interventions) could be more easily facilitated to the nearby Redwoods Centre than if the centre for emergency care were located in Telford – and vice versa – should a detainee become physically unwell whilst detained under Section 136 MHA 1983 at the Redwoods Centre, transfer to the emergency centre at RSH could be effected quickly.

It will be important that we continue to be involved with changes in services within SaTH so that we can ensure that the configuration and operating times of the RAID teams meets the needs of the services based in RSH and PRH.

We welcome the investment in Shropshire health economy to support the proposed changes. However, it is crucial that changes in community health services are made to support the proposed changes in the acute trust, and that this occurs both in Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin. Investment and re-configuration of community services will be needed to reduce the need for hospital admissions and to decrease admission times. As the main statutory provider of community mental health services, then we will need to be fully involved in any changes.



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