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Please see response below on behalf of The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust.

The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust recognises the need for SaTH NHS Trust to consolidate acute care in order to make the best use of scarce specialist staffing, especially in regards to emergency care. The Trust also, in principle, supports the preferred option (option 1) arrived at by the FutureFit programme, recognising that there are arguments in favour of both sites and these need to be balanced and prioritised.

We understand that the original modelling, shared by SaTH, demonstrated that there would be no material impact as a result of the proposed changes on neighbouring providers. However, we are keen to explore the potential impact of any short-term decisions around the configuration of emergency and maternity services, and the implications this may have on the longer term patient pathways and flows.

RWT and potentially other providers now need to understand whether it is likely that significantly more or fewer adults or children will attend RWT, or other providers, as a result of any proposed changes in Shropshire. We must therefore be fully involved and consulted throughout the programme, alongside the West Midlands Ambulance service, in agreeing potential impacts on capacity and activity for RWT before any changes can be finally agreed. We understand that work is already underway on capacity modelling and the impacts of any service change for the West Midlands and Welsh Ambulance Services, we would welcome the opportunity to discuss the outcomes and impacts on RWT following the conclusion of this work.

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