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Dear Jo and Julian

I am writing to you to enclose Telford & Wrekin Council's formal response to the consultation on hospital reconfiguration. This response has been approved by our Cabinet and has cross-party support.

The Council's detailed response outlines why we think Option 2 would be better not only for our residents or those living in Eastern Shropshire but for the majority of those served by this health economy.

In summary – these are the Council's key reasons are:

- If Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin together with Mid Wales have £312m to spend on hospitals, let's get the best and most for the money.
- Option 2 will give the local NHS at least an extra £3.3m each year to spend on more GPs and nurses.
- Option 2 will allow the NHS to invest in a second state of the art cancer centre.
- Two thirds of all children and pregnant women admitted to hospital live nearer to the Princess Royal Hospital. Choose Option 2 to keep the new £28m Women and Children's Centre where it is.
- More than half of people having planned operations live nearer to the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital. Under Option 2, that's where planned care would be based.
- Average emergency travel times are shorter to the Princess Royal Hospital. Under Option 2, that's where the Emergency Centre would be based

The response also highlights how the impact of these proposals will fall disproportionately on those who need healthcare the most:

- Choosing Option 1 and spending more of the NHS's resources on borrowing capital for hospital buildings rather than on community services will impact on everyone but

particularly those who need community services most such as older people with complex conditions and the very young.

- Choosing Option 1 will not maximise the hospital's ability to recruit doctors and nurses compared to Option 2. If the hospital isn't able to attract sufficient clinical staff in this nationally competitive market - this will impact on everyone as services will not be sustainable.
- Choosing Option 1 will mean the majority of Women and Children will travel further to have their babies or be admitted to hospital as a child. Those who have significant difficulties travelling to hospital in our borough – due to their socio-economic circumstances - are expected to travel further under Option 1. And of all those delivering in a midwife unit across the area and who require a transfer to the consultant unit during labour – more than half will have longer journeys under Option 1.
- Choosing Option 1 will present the greatest challenge to those living in parts of Shropshire and Powys, such as older people, who find it difficult travelling to hospital for their planned operations and to visit those staying in hospital a long time.

We have also highlighted that we consider that your modelling of time critical journeys is flawed and has overestimated the number of Welsh time critical journeys and you have not taken into account the proximity of alternative hospital providers and the faster rate of expected population growth in Eastern Shropshire in the over 75s and women of child bearing age and children compared with the West.

I have copied the Future Fit team into this email so that they can receive our formal response but I would ask you both to circulate our response to your Board members. This is a public document and I would hope that they would like to see any formal response that is in the public domain.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Davies', with a horizontal line underneath.

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