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David Evans Accountable Officer Telford & Wrekin CCG

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Dear Simon and David,

As you are aware, the West Midlands Ambulance Service University NHS Foundation Trust has been very involved and engaged throughout the Future Fit process. We have contributed to the development of the Pre-Consultation Business Case and, more recently, the Ambulance Modelling report, which was commissioned by the Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin CCGs and undertaken by Operational Research in Health Ltd (ORH).

We would support the findings of the ORH report, which overall states the impact of implementing either Option 1 or Option 2 is very similar in terms of total emergency medical services (i.e. Option 1 = 144 hours and Option 2 = 122 hours). We are assured that, under either option, the CCGs would commission the right level of service provision to maintain patient safety and standards of care.

Whilst there may be longer journey times with the CCGs' preferred option of Option 1, this would create an improved flow which should help to improve the turnaround times for ambulance crews and, increase ambulance availability.

Yours sincerely

Professor Anthony C Marsh Chief Executive Officer

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