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Dear Secretary of State

Last night the Future Fit Joint Committee of Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin CCGs agreed to proceed with the recommended option for the future of hospital services in both their respective areas and mid Wales.

As you are aware from previous concerns that I have raised numerous times, with you and your predecessor, Telford & Wrekin Council is unanimous in its opposition to this decision, which I believe makes no sense and was overwhelmingly rejected by the public in Future Fit's own consultation.

Under the plans backed by the CCGs yesterday, the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital would be the main 24/7 A&E hospital for the area and, as a result, it would also have to be the base for the Women & Children's Centre which is currently in Telford, having opened as a brand new centre only four years ago at the Princess Royal Hospital, at a cost of £28 million.

Under the changes, planned operations would take place at the Princess Royal Hospital.

Following this decision, I have requested an Emergency General Meeting of the Council which is due next month, with the express purpose of the Council formally referring Future Fit's decision for you to review.

The motion, proposed by our joint HoSC chair and seconded by myself, states:

"This Council is disappointed by the decision of the Joint Committee of Telford & Wrekin and Shropshire Clinical Commissioning Groups on 29 January 2019, to proceed with recommendations contained in the Decision-Making Business Plan. This is the wrong decision for the people of Telford & Wrekin. This Council is of the opinion that this decision has not been properly consulted upon and is not in the interests of the health services in Telford & Wrekin.

Accordingly, this Council should formally report this decision to the Secretary of State and ask for him to review the decision of the Joint Committee, in accordance with the powers contained in the Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013."

Given the seriousness of this decision and the threat to health services in Telford and Wrekin, I request that you start to formally review this decision immediately and that we meet urgently in Telford to discuss this. Equally I urge you not to wait for the outcome of the EGM.

Yours sincerely

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

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