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Your Ref:

Dear Prime Minister

I am writing to ask you to intervene and overturn the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care's decision to give the go-ahead to continue with the controversial Future Fit hospital reconfiguration proposals within Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin.

This decision will see the Consultant-led Women & Children's unit, which was opened only 5 years ago at the Princess Royal Hospital Telford at a cost of £28 million, move to the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital together with the downgrading of the A&E services at Princess Royal.

We are not clear what services will replace the A&E at the Princess Royal as the NHS were proposing an Urgent Care Centre but now Matt Hancock has decided it should have an A&E Local, despite the NHS being as yet to determine what this is. What we are clear about, however, is that either an Urgent Care Centre or an "A&E Local" is not a full A&E service.

This will mean that Telford will be the largest town in the country without a 24 hour Full A&E. The move of Women & Children's Unit makes no sense as Telford & Wrekin with its younger and more deprived population has a greater level of need for these services.

This Council has unanimously agreed to continue to fight the Future Fit proposals and that this issue should not be one about politics but the needs of the residents we represent and indeed those our local MPs represent.

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I urge you to do the right thing and overturn the Secretary of State's decision on this vitally important matter for our residents.

Yours sincerely



Cllr Shaun Davies

Leader, Telford & Wrekin Council

c.c. Rt Hon Matt Hancock MP

Lucy Allan MP

Mark Pritchard MP

Motion unanimously approved by the Council on 17/10/19

This Council condemns the Health Secretary decision to allow Future Fit to progress. This will have a detrimental impact on residents of Telford and Wrekin and put lives at risk. The decision flies in the face of the evidence and common sense. The decision made by the Secretary of State is simply wrong. At this late stage we call on the government to halt Future Fit.

Such moves will mean that Telford will be one of the biggest Towns in the country without a full A&E. The closure of the Consultant led Women and Children Unit flies in the face of clinical evidence. Telford and Wrekin Council has fought this process every step of the way and will continue to fight for the best interests of our residents. This should not be about politics:

This Council expects our MPs to support the Council and use every parliamentary means to ensure our Consultant led Women and Children Unit is retained and our A&E is not downgraded.