



Report

Date: 13th September 2023
Meeting: Town Council – 19th September 2023

A&E Services within Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin

Report and update provided by Councillor R Connolly – Mayor of Bridgnorth

The Future Fit / Hospital Transformation Plan is currently preparing its 'Outline Business Case' for submission to HMG which includes the level of A&E services to be provided within Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin.

At the event on Saturday 9th September 2023 in Bridgnorth a survey was held and the responses were unsurprisingly strong in support of retaining both fully functioning A&Es in Shrewsbury and Telford & Wrekin, in keeping with the same survey conducted earlier - 97.7% in aggregate.

- draft motion

Bridgnorth Town Council recognises the strength of public opinion reflected in two Bridgnorth public surveys of opinion, in which an aggregate 97.7% of those polled responded 'YES' to the proposition - [Should both Shrewsbury A&E and Telford A&E remain fully functioning A&E's ?](#)

The Bridgnorth polled responses confirm similar results obtained from surveying 11 other Shropshire and Telford and Wrekin Towns from which the average response is 96.8% support from 1614 people polled. This is a statistically significant sample, well exceeding a 95% 'confidence level' and a 3% 'error margin' from a population assumed to be 500,000.

This Council notes the strength of public opinion in these survey results and, resolves to formally request that NHS Shropshire Telford and Wrekin, Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust, NHS Midlands and Lancashire Commissioning Support Unit, and NHS England and NHS Improvement commit to re-considering the Future Fit/Hospitals Transformation Programme (to have a single Emergency Department), in light of these significant polling results.

We request responses from each of the above mentioned NHS entities.