

**The Shrewsbury & Telford Hospital NHS Trust**

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The NHS principles and values are set out in our constitution, the opening paragraph of which reads :

“The NHS belongs to the people. It is there to improve our health and wellbeing, supporting us to keep mentally and physically well, to get better when we are ill and, when we cannot fully recover, to stay as well as we can to the end of our lives. It works at the limits of science – bringing the highest levels of human knowledge and skill to save lives and improve health. It touches our lives at times of basic human need, when care and compassion are what matter most.”

For me, there are no better words to explain our work at the NHS Commissioning Board.

**Sir David Nicholson, Chief Executive of the NHS.**