

STP Sustainability and Transformation Plan

Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin

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I am pleased to be able to finally publish the Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP) for Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin. This sets out how we believe health and care services will need to change over the next five years in order to meet the changing needs of local people. It reflects changes in the population, the workforce, technology and the difficult financial environment within which our services are working. We believe that the plan that we are putting together is credible and sustainable and will provide a different approach to addressing the health needs of the people of Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin. It focuses on the individual and communities; on preventing people from becoming unwell and on services that can be provided locally; as well as the changes that we believe are necessary to our hospitals.

The STP has enabled our health, social care and voluntary sector to join together and create a single narrative and ambition to establish the healthiest population in the country here in Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin and Powys. We are investing over £33m over the next 4 years across a range of services. In the future we are looking to invest more resources into prevention and supporting the development of community services.

Our priorities include:

- Creating further investment into our hospitals that will ensure they are offering state of the art facilities for every patient and protecting emergency services now and into the future
- Using technology to help stranded patients in our rural communities, supporting GPs in establishing place based care solutions that help our over committed teams in primary care
- Exploring options to reduce traveling for patients to access planned treatment and assessments by establishing Centres of Excellence in both hospitals
- Cutting red tape, reducing admin, simplifying access and helping navigate families through complex care options.

All of this will be supported by lean process involving techniques and skills learnt in partnership with the Virginia Mason Institute in America (Hospital of the Decade and one of the safest hospitals in the world) to reduce waste, stop variation and duplication.

The STP is not yet a finished product. All sensible plans need to respond to changes in circumstances and to evolve as new information becomes available. We are conscious that we have not yet resolved all the financial challenges facing local organisations, but we have agreed that we will work through these together and not leave any organisation isolated and unsupported. As our plans become more detailed, we will provide regular public updates.

These are both exciting and challenging times for our local services but we believe that by working together and listening to local communities we can create health and care services that are more accessible; provide better outcomes; and are financially sustainable.

I hope that you will take the time to read the summary report that is being published today. The full version can be found on any of the websites of the participating organisations.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Wright', written in a cursive style.

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