

# Outpatient Echocardiography Service (Temporary Service Change)

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# Background (1)

- In November 2022 the Cardiorespiratory service wait time for echocardiography was at 11 weeks with only 54% of patient being seen within the 6 week National Access Target for diagnostics.
- As a result of this, the service made the decision, supported by the Trust, its system partners and through public consultation to temporarily relocate the echocardiography service at the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital site to the Princess Royal Hospital at Telford
- This temporary move would facilitate an increase in the capacity for echocardiography, through flexible use of staff and accommodation.



# Current position

- The temporary relocation commenced on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023 and has now (17/3/23) been in place for 9 weeks.
- The current echocardiography performance against the National Access Targets for diagnostics is 82%
- This represents a 28% improvement in performance
- The service is on target to be back within the 95% National Access Target for diagnostics before the end of April.
- The service continues to monitor its performance weekly to provide local and national assurance that the 6 week National Access Target will be met

