

Women & Children HTP Focus Group

Held on Thursday 5th December 2024
10:00 – 12:00hrs via MS Teams

Questions/Answers

Women & Children Hospital Transformation Programme (HTP) Focus Group:

SATH members of staff responding to public questions:

- Julia Clarke – **(JC) Director of Public Participation**
- Ed Rysdale – **(ER) HTP Clinical Lead and EM Consultant**
- Rachel Webster – **(RW) Lead Nursing Midwife for HTP**
- Tom Jones – **(TJ) Implementation Lead for HTP**
- Hannah Morris – **(HM) Head of Public Participation**
- Sapthagiri Gantasala – **(SG) Clinical Director Paediatrics**
- Zain Siddiqui – **(ZS) Deputy Director of Operations W&C Division**
- Kate Ballinger – **(KB) Community Engagement Manager**
- Aaron Hyslop – **(AH) - Public Participation Team Facilitator (HTP Engagement)**

Q&A's Following Presentation:

Comment: I realise improved Community diagnostics are well into the future, but I do hope in such a rural county they will be based in community hospitals with primary care, rather than the more standalone facilities in Telford

A: (ER) - The majority of people use the community diagnostic hub in Telford for blood tests and this is funded separately through GP contracts. As an acute trust, anything we can do to have phlebotomy and blood tests in the community must be a good thing. We are working very closely with primary care as it just seems counter-intuitive that people must travel such long distance for blood tests.

A: (JC) - The Community Diagnostic Centre is hosted by SaTH but any decisions on future facilities will again be a system-wide process led by the ICB and supported by SaTH and Shropshire Community Trust.

One of the things that has changed since the Future Fit consultation has been the progress of the digital agenda, which does allow for some consultations to be undertaken remotely, and this will only increase in the future. It also means that diagnostic tests results will be much more accessible to patients through digital platforms.

Comment: One of the suggestions that came about within the MEC & SAC HTP Focus Group (Medicine & Emergency Care and Surgery, Anaesthetics, Critical Care & Cancer) was that it would be very useful to have somebody from the Community Trust attending these focus groups going forward who can update on what is happening with them.

A: (RW) – My action was to liaise with Matthew Neil (Director of Transformation), to confirm if he would agree to Shropshire Community Health NHS Trust (Shropcom) attending upcoming HTP Focus Group meetings, which he has.

A: (JC) - In March 2025 we will hopefully have a Shropcom representative to attend the quarterly MEC & SACC HTP Focus Group meetings. Having Shropshire Community Trust representation in the room will be very helpful.

ACTION: Rachel Webster to speak with Sara Biffen (Hospital Transformation Programme HTP Delivery Director) about who to invite from Shropcom for the upcoming HTP Focus Groups, (subsequent to meeting it has been agreed that Steve Ellis, Deputy COO at Shropcom will attend the MEC&SACC focus groups).