



The Rt Hon Matthew Hancock MP
Secretary of State
Department of Health and Social Care
39 Victoria Street
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4th October 2019.

Dear Secretary of State,

I write in conjunction with Telford's MP Lucy Allan to ask for more information and a meeting to discuss the proposed new model of hospital care for an A&E Local at the Princess Royal Hospital and the Independent Reconfiguration Panel's (IRP) advice regarding the Future Fit programme.

I understand the IRP have provided their independent advice to you, in which they recommend establishing a single emergency centre at Royal Shrewsbury Hospital with a full range of complementary services at Princess Royal Hospital to enable as much clinically appropriate care to be delivered at PRH as possible and that ambulatory emergency care must be considered.

As you will be aware, I am disappointed in the IRP's conclusions and that you have accepted this advice as I believe there is clinical evidence to support the single emergency care centre being located at the Princess Royal Hospital. However, I am encouraged to hear of your request for NHS England to come forward with proposals within a month on how they will keep the A&E at the Princess Royal Hospital as an A&E Local so that the Princess Royal Hospital can continue to deliver the urgent and emergency care our residents in Telford need.

I understand Telford's MP Lucy Allan has already contacted you directly regarding this and we would be most grateful for the opportunity to meet with you to discuss the A&E Local model and our concerns in more detail, to ensure our community has access to high-quality emergency care and services.

Yours sincerely,

Nicola Lowery - Chairman of the Telford Conservative Association