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to create a better borough**

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Dear Secretary of State for Health and Social Care

**Re: Telford and Shrewsbury Hospital 'Transformation' Programme**

Congratulations on your appointment to the position of Secretary of State for Health and Social Care. I wish you well with the challenges ahead.

I am writing in relation to the proposed changes to Telford and Shrewsbury's main hospitals that have now been approved by the Joint Department of Health and Social Care and the NHS England Investment Committee.

The controversial plans will see Telford's main hospital – the Princess Royal – lose its 24 hour A & E department and become an A & E Local, a model which has attracted widespread criticism from medical bodies. Indeed, Telford would become the largest town in England, without a full A & E service.

A borough the size of Telford, with a growing and ageing population, needs world class facilities, not a downgraded A & E Local that will be confusing and potentially dangerous for our residents.

Furthermore the plans would move our consultant-led women and children's services from Telford to Shrewsbury, while the Telford site would become the centre for planned care.

I have been saying for a long time that the plans for hospital reorganisation in Telford and Shrewsbury make no sense whatsoever. This is clearly still the case and with the most recent proposals costed at over £500m, when only £312m is being made available, the question is what services will be scaled back?

I have written to our two local MP's asking them to work with me to secure an urgent meeting with you and am also writing to you directly, on behalf of our residents, to ask you to

meet with me at your earliest opportunity and to take a fresh look at the plans as a matter of urgency.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shaun Davies', with a horizontal line underneath.

**Cllr Shaun Davies**

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