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Dear colleague

We are pleased to inform you that we have launched our public consultation into the future of our hospital services today.

The consultation will run for 14 weeks until midnight on 4 September. During this time, we are urging people to take the opportunity to have their say so that we can consider their views and understand and consider the impact of the proposals on local people.

The consultation asks for the views of people from across Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin and mid Wales on two options:

**Option 1: The Royal Shrewsbury Hospital becomes an Emergency Care site and the Princess Royal Hospital becomes a Planned Care site**  
(This is the preferred option)

**Option 2: The Princess Royal Hospital becomes an Emergency Care site and the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital becomes a Planned Care site**

Under either option, both hospitals would have an Urgent Care Centre that is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

To help explain the proposed changes and give local people the chance to find out more, we have developed a wide range of consultation materials, videos, a new website and are arranging and attending events and meetings in public, including eight public exhibitions.

Materials include a full consultation document, a summary document, Easy Read versions, Word and large print versions. All these materials, along with answers to the most frequently asked questions, videos and an online survey, are available to view at a new website: [www.nhsfuturefit.org](http://www.nhsfuturefit.org) We will ensure that you receive paper copies of the consultation documents, which will also be made available at both hospitals and at public and community venues across the area.

The eight public exhibitions will allow people to drop in anytime from 3.30pm to 7.30pm, meet doctors, nurses and other healthcare staff, ask questions and find out more about the proposals.

There will also be a series of pop-up style roadshows at community and public venues and the CCGs will be attending a range of meetings and events providing regular updates and answering questions. All meetings and events will be publicised on the website [www.nhsfuturefit.org](http://www.nhsfuturefit.org)

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We would appreciate your help in promoting the consultation with your staff and through your networks and contacts. There are several ways that people can take part in the consultation:

- Fill out our survey online on our website [www.nhsfuturefit.org](http://www.nhsfuturefit.org)
- Complete the paper copy of the survey (in the centre pages of the consultation documents) and post it free of charge to FREEPOST NHS FF CONSULTATION
- Write to us at: FREEPOST NHS FF CONSULTATION
- Email us: [nhsfuturefit@nhs.net](mailto:nhsfuturefit@nhs.net)
- Call us to request materials: 0300 3000 903 (24-hour answer machine)
- Follow us on social media
  - Twitter: @NHSFutureFit
  - Facebook: facebook.com/nhsff

We look forward to receiving your comments and feedback which will, of course, be conscientiously taken into account and carefully considered as part of the process.

Thank you again for your continued support in helping us to reach this point, which we believe is a major step forward in making sure that we provide safe, high quality and financially sustainable hospital services. We will write to you again half way through the consultation to update you on the progress of our consultation.

Meanwhile if you have any questions or would like to arrange a meeting, please contact us directly.

Kind regards,



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