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Lucy Allan MP Reporting Back

Update on A&E at Princess Royal Hospital

I am writing to you to update you on my work to prevent night time closures of A&E at the Princess Royal Hospital.

I want to assure you that I am working hard with the Hospital Trust, Councillors and Ministers to do all I can to keep our A&E open 24 hours a day.

I have met with the Secretary of State for Health to raise this vital issue and I have also written to the regulator to ask them to consider the case for putting the Trust into Special Measures. Special Measures would give the Trust help and support it needs to get a rescue plan sorted out and to ensure current management are the right people to take the Trust forward. I have also met with the Minister of State, Stephen Barclay MP to discuss measures to keep A&E open at night.

I have met with Hospital Trust Leaders, including the Chief Executive Simon Wright and local councillors for our area, to raise the concerns of the whole community and to ensure we are heard. The reason for the proposed closure is lack of doctors. I have written to Health Education England to ask them to allocate the Trust two more Middle Grade Doctors and I have written to NHS Improvement to ask that other nearby Trusts are encouraged to each provide one of their Middle Grade Doctors to the Trust which would make a great difference for staffing levels and keep A&E open 24 hours. The Trust needs to think innovatively on how to solve this staff shortage.

It is worth noting that SaTH has been allocated a record £312 million investment from Government to improve and provide new emergency services in future, although this remains some way off. SaTH has also been allocated an extra £3.9 million this year to help staff prepare for winter pressures and over£1m capital investment which has been used to remodel the current A&E waiting area at PRH in Telford.

Please be assured that I will continue to do everything I can to find a solution and to ensure that the A&E remains open 24/7. This is the top priority for our community and therefore my top priority.

You can see all my work on this issue by clicking the links below.

Lucy Allan convenes summit bid to halt night-time A&E closures

We will fight A&E night closures together says Lucy Allan

Lucy Allan meets Health Secretary to discuss A&E closure

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