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Speaking up for the Princess Royal Hospital

Over the past four years I have been making the case for Telford's Princess Royal to be the home of the proposed new critical care emergency centre. As the years have gone by, no decision has been made and people have become more alarmed and more concerned about the future of our hospital.

That is why I led a debate in Parliament last month to consider Shropshire's NHS Future Fit process and the future of services at the Princess Royal Hospital.

I have asked the Minister to work with me, and with the Secretary of State for Health to try to find a practical way to end the complete paralysis that has ruined the prospect of great emergency services in Telford. There is money to invest in better emergency care but we are not even able to access that money in funding rounds because we cannot reach a decision. People in Telford deserve to know what is proposed on this most important issue, which is why both local MPs are meeting with the Health Secretary again to discuss this further.

The Health Minister responded by identifying four key tests which any proposed service changes should meet. They should have support from GP commissioners, be based on clinical evidence, demonstrate public and patient engagement, and consider patient choice. Until those four criteria can be met, no decision can be taken.

The SaTH plans to consult residents on its proposals next month and I would urge all Telford residents to put forward their views to secure the future of our hospital.



Lucy Allan MP holds Lawley Village Residents Meeting

I held a public meeting at Lawley Village Primary Academy for local residents.

The meeting was attended by over 100 people. It was held after I received concerns from Lawley residents about the difficulties they were experiencing with delayed completion of different phases of the development, poor maintenance of the area as well as the relationship with the managing agent and the different developers responsible for the build.

I also received two hundred and fifty unhappy responses to a local survey asking residents for their views.

Attending the meeting to address residents concerns were: Lucy Allan MP, Jim Weir (Chair of residents Committee), Local Cllrs Jayne Greenaway and Raj Meta, Taylor Wimpey, Persimmon Homes, Barratt Homes, Bournville Village Trust (BVT) and Telford & Wrekin Council.

Key issues included establishing where responsibility lies for different problems on the estate, and a need for the developers to complete a phase of work and its infrastructure before moving on to begin the next phase of development.

Lucy Allan holds debate in Parliament on New Towns

I recently held a debate in Parliament to considered challenges facing new towns.

At a time when the Government are embarking on an ambitious house building programme, it should consider New towns as an experiment that should inform housing policy in this country.

In the debate I talked about the challenges in new build areas such as pressure on infrastructure, school places, doctors' waiting lists and little things such as postcodes or polling stations. Those are some of the things that are so important to quality of life.

Another common challenge we face is transport connectivity. Infrastructure investment often lags behind population growth. In addition, many new towns are designed around the car, but in Telford we have low car ownership and poor public transport, because of the low density of population. Low density is a good thing and part of what new towns are all about, but there are knock-on consequences for everyday life.

We also have many roundabouts bristling with traffic lights, which holds up traffic flow and causes frustration to many residents. We also have to look at how we deal with fading infrastructure and faded housing estates that are sometimes not fit for occupation. An essential part of the success of a new town is not only to keep replacing the old, but the need for a vision and that concept of long-term stewardship.

Telford is special. In 2018 we will mark our 50th anniversary. Although there may be lots of events and celebrations, we must not lose sight of the need for a vision for the next 50 years. The



Lucy Allan re-elected to Education Select Committee

On the first day back in Parliament after the summer recess, MPs were tasked with voting for colleagues to be members of the Commons Select Committees. The select committees are generally responsible for overseeing the work of government departments and agencies. Throughout the year, the committees hold specialist inquiries into different areas of a departments brief.

I was elected and served as a member of the Education Committee from in 2015 - 2017 and was successfully re-elected to the Committee to serve for this Parliamentary term.

The Chairman and I share many of the same views on improving lives for young people from the most disadvantaged areas, through educational opportunities, hard work and aspiration.

Government may be able to help local authorities with that. The nature of the election cycle means that local authorities are not always preoccupied in the way they ought to be with long-term thinking about local infrastructure needs.

I have also set up an All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) which I chair, to take forward this initiative with other New Town MPs.



Lucy Allan holding a drop in surgery at ASDA Telford.

Speaking up for victims of Child Sexual Exploitation

I have been campaigning on the issue of CSE in Telford for quite some time.

In 2015 the law was changed to ensure that child rapists serving custodial sentences could not be released early. The measures in the Criminal Justice and Courts Act were introduced to prevent serious criminals from being released before the end of their prison term and under strict conditions at the discretion of the independent Parole Board. Offenders have to show they no longer pose a threat to the public.

I would like to see the committee focus on issues around social justice and the increasing numbers of children entering the care system. I have worked with children's organisations, care leavers, family justice groups, social workers, local authorities, safeguarding boards, and parents whose children have been taken into care. I am also very aware of the challenges currently facing children who come from disadvantaged backgrounds or broken homes. I will be using my position on the committee to focus on this area particularly the mental health of children in care and the underperformance of white working class boys.

See all Lucy's work on Princess Royal Hospital below.

- Lucy's work in Parliament on [Telford's Healthcare](#)
- Lucy raises Princess Royal in [Parliament again](#)
- The new hospital [sites](#)
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The Mubarek Ali case was exactly the type of case that the new legislation was intended to tackle. However, this legislation cannot be applied retrospectively and the Justice Minister has confirmed this to me.

Naturally, I was disappointed by the Minister's response, however, I have received confirmation that Ali cannot return to Telford and will be closely monitored during his licence period.

I will continue to work with the Secretary of State for Justice and the Home Secretary as well as local partners (police, probation and the Council) to ensure victims and the public are properly and rightly protected from such serious offenders.

See Lucy's work on CSE below.

- Lucy Allan pleased that Mubarek Ali won't be [returning to Telford](#)
- MP Lucy Allan calls for Telford child [sex abuse inquiry](#)
- Telford MP Lucy Allan asks Theresa May for independent review into [child sex exploitation](#)
- MP Lucy Allan 'disappointed' Government cannot intervene in release of [Telford child sex fiend](#)
- Justice Minister to look into case of Telford sex [gang ringleader](#)
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Lucy Allan with other Shropshire MPs speaking up for the Princess Royal Hospital in Parliament



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