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Dear Secretary of State

Telford's Princess Royal Hospital – NHS Future Fit

I write to ask you to call in for review the decision made by NHS Future Fit, with regard to the future of hospital care in Telford. In addition I should be grateful if you would consider coming to Telford to meet local people who will be affected by this plan and to discuss our concerns.

Under the proposal, Telford's Princess Royal Hospital will lose the Women and Children's unit and elements of its Emergency Care provision, with services being relocated to Shrewsbury's Royal Shrewsbury Hospital.

All Telford's elected representatives are opposed to this plan. A local survey and a public consultation, both showed that residents are against the plan. There has been a failure to make the case to local people, as to how, if at all, constituents would benefit from the proposed changes. The management has failed to engage with local people and the MPs on how Telford's hospital services will be affected.

This is a Trust currently in Special Measures and which was recently rated 'Inadequate' overall by the CQC. This is not the time to be taking on the community and imposing a scheme which is opposed by all. There has been a failure to take ownership for this project and a lack of accountability to residents. I understand that to secure a review the local council must refer the matter to you and I have asked them to do so.

I should be most grateful if you would consider my request for a review as a matter of urgency.

Yours sincerely

Lucy Allan MP