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Cllr Shaun Davies
Telford & Wrekin Council
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30 January 2019

Dear Cllr Davies

Following the Future Fit decision that was made last night, I am writing to advise you that I have written to the Secretary of State to ask him to review this decision. I have also invited him to come to Telford to discuss how he can help.

I understand and share the anger this decision has created. Now is the time for local representatives to unite and work constructively with Government to ensure Telford's needs and concerns are both heard and met.

I recognise there are Council elections in a few months, but I know you will agree now is not the time for party politics. It will not advance our case. Telford residents would value a collaborative cross party approach to getting the outcome we all seek and for the Council to work professionally with the borough's MPs and Government to overturn this decision and get the best outcome for Telford.

This was as you know a local decision made by local hospital management. We have all tried to get management to see the Telford position and consider the needs of our community. The Council has been a partner in the Future Fit process from the beginning. It must be very frustrating not to have been able to influence the decision. The Council now has the opportunity to work with the MPs to seek Government help for our cause and I hope you will take up that opportunity.

The Government has allocated £312m for this project to improve local services and I know Government will wish to ensure the funding is spent to meet need and narrow health inequalities.

All elected representatives in Telford & Wrekin are united in their opposition to the proposal and will want to work together with Government to find a solution.

I will keep you updated.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Lucy Allan'.

Lucy Allan MP