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Secretary of State for Health and Social Care  
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Dear Secretary of State

**Future Fit – Hospital Reconfiguration**

I understand that the Independent Panel has written to you with its views on the Future Fit proposal for Shropshire Hospital care.

I write to express concerns about proceeding with this reconfiguration in the current circumstances.

The departure of the Chief Executive of the Hospital Trust has now been announced. I advised you in a briefing note dated 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2019 that this was a likely occurrence, following the catalogue of serious failings by the Trust and apparent inability of senior leadership to grasp the seriousness of the challenges faced.

Other members of the senior leadership team have also departed, including the Medical Director. In addition, the CQC has just issued another urgent warning about shortcomings.

It is clear that now is not the time to be forcing through a complex controversial restructuring against the wishes of local people and without the Trust attempting to make the case for the proposal and without a stable leadership team.

The Trust needs time to embed a new team and to focus on the current challenges, before pursuing any form of disruptive restructuring. The Future Fit process over the last five years has been detrimental to the Trust's performance and stability. Future Fit is not deliverable in the current circumstances and must be halted to allow time for the Trust to rebuild.

I should be most grateful if you would give my comments consideration when deciding the next steps.

Yours ever

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lucy Allan".

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