

To **Councillor Malcolm Pate, Leader of Shropshire Council**
Councillor Karen Calder, Chair of Health and Wellbeing Board
Councillor Gerald Dakin, Chair of Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee

We are writing to express our outrage at **Shropshire Council's support for the new NHS cuts proposals**, the 'Sustainability and Transformation Plan' (News release, 16th November).

The Council statement forgets to mention that Sustainability and Transformation Plans are intended to achieve cost savings of £22 billion across England – and **our 'STP' for Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin is designed to cut close to £150 million every single year from local NHS care.**

The statement omits to comment **on the loss of an A&E (Shrewsbury or Telford)** and the downgrading of an acute hospital under our Sustainability and Transformation Plan. There is no mention of the laughable **pretence from NHS bosses that an A&E only 18% of the size of existing A&Es can meet local needs.** You forget to point out that **30% of activity will be transferred out of hospitals** into the community – **without adequate community investment** to make this work.

It is not the job of our Council to support an NHS cuts plan without bothering to discuss this with the public. The NHS has been told the Sustainability and Transformation Plan is secret. Shropshire Council is not bound by this. We urge you to immediately publish the local Sustainability and Transformation Plan so the public can judge for ourselves.

29/11/16.

To Malcolm Pate
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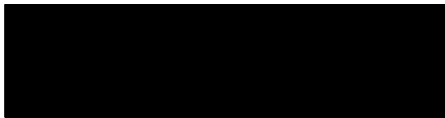
Dear Councillors,

I write on behalf of Shropshire Peoples Assembly Against Austerity. Enclosed is the letter & signatures seven of us collected last Sat (Nov 26th) in 2 hours on Pride Hill.

As you can see your initial statement (Nov16th) on the "Sustainability and Transformation Plan" caused real anger.

We welcome your revised position (Nov 28th) & hope the council will continue to defend local healthcare, ~~thus~~ representing the views of Shropshire people.

Yours sincerely



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