

**Public questions from Diane Peacock for the Shropshire Health & Adult Social Care  
Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting 18<sup>th</sup> November 2019.**

*Current Government policy requires Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin Sustainability and Transformation Partnership (STP) plan (by 2021 – Integrated Care Services ICS/STP systems) to determine the future of local healthcare.*

1. Can the Committee clarify the legal status of the STP (by – 2021 ICS/STP) as a so-called ‘system wide forum’ in terms of lines of accountability for the quality of healthcare services and the deployment of resources locally?

**The STP is a partnership of the statutory health and local government organisations within Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin. It has no separate legal status in its own right.**

2. What governance protocols are in place for the public to be able to question decisions made under the auspices of the local STP (by – 2021 ICS/STP), as is the case with public questions to local authority committees, CCGs and NHS trusts?

**Oversight of the work of the STP is through the governance structures of the statutory bodies which make up the partnership. Plans developed through the STP are discussed in the meetings in public of these organisations and are open to public questions in the same way as other decisions.**