

HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 16 MAY 2022

MEMBER QUESTIONS

Question from Councillor Kate Halliday

Last summer the CCG ran a 'listening exercise' for proposals for a new Health and Wellbeing Hub in Shrewsbury which potentially involved the closure of some of up to 8 GP practices in South Shrewsbury. The first that residents and councillors heard about these plans was via an article in the Shropshire Star. This significant potential change in service provision understandably caused concern for residents, particularly regarding travel and access issues. As a result of residents' concerns Shrewsbury Town Council invited the CCG to a meeting in January 2022 at which a CCG representative acknowledged that the consultation last year was not good enough, and they also asserted that there were no clear plans for how the new hub would work. They informed the meeting that a future consultation would shape the design of the Health and Wellbeing Hub were it to go ahead. In April 2022 the CCG announced more detailed plans for the Health and Wellbeing Hub including the closure of 6 surgeries and a likely location in Meole Brace. It would appear that the plans for the Health and Wellbeing Hub are well developed, and are being brought for the first time to the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee on 16th May 2022. Has Shropshire Council been approached by the CCG to discuss these proposals prior to this, and if it has, which departments were approached and when were they approached?