

Question for Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Hospital Transformation Programme

The Hospital Transformation Programme is proceeding, albeit with capital funding now at £312 million rather than the £533 million required for the previous 'preferred option'.

Does the Committee have sight of the modelling behind future bed and staff numbers?

Members are probably aware that SaTH's previous estimates of demand – ever since Future Fit began in 2014 – have been consistently outstripped by 'real world' need. Is the Committee confident that it has the information needed to scrutinise the adequacy of future care as provided for by the HTP model? If not, will the Committee request the data modelling behind current proposals?

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The committee has not had sight of the modelling behind the future bed and staff numbers. The PPUED Task and Finish group identified in their report a number of areas for further consideration by the HASCOSC (for Shropshire Council are only issues) and the Joint HOSC (for system wider issues). These are in focus for this committee and the Joint HOSC. The area for further consideration pertinent to this question include:

- *How does the number of acute hospital beds per head of population in Shropshire and Telford and Wrekin, plus taking account of the mid-Wales population, compare to the national averages and region averages, plus with other geographies with similar demographic profiles e.g. Northumberland and Cornwall?*
- *For these same places, what are the numbers of reablement beds/community beds per head of population and how does this compare to the Shropshire and Telford and Wrekin area?*
- *How do the number of beds now and in the future compare to the current and projected increases in the 65+ population and the 85+ population?*

The responses to these questions will need to be considered alongside the following, that are also relevant to question 1.

- *What is the strategy for local community-based services in the Shropshire and Telford and Wrekin areas?*
- *What needs to be in place in the community to facilitate more timely discharge from acute hospitals that is not already in place? What needs to happen to help make this occur, and when?*
- *Are reablement beds in community hospitals and beds in care homes in the right areas of the county e.g. where people who need reablement support live?*
- *Are there areas of Shropshire and Telford and Wrekin where access to community-based provision is lower? What impact does this have on people aiming to return to these areas when they are discharged? What impact does this have on other areas of the county?*
- *What role could or will virtual ward beds play in reducing the need for people to stay in acute hospital beds, community hospital-based rehabilitation beds, and care home beds?*

The areas of focus identified remain in scope for the HASCOSC and the Joint HOSC in their work programmes and will continue to be followed up with system partners to seek the answers and assurance about the availability of services to local communities