

Member Questions

HASC – 10 July 2023

Cllr Heather Kidd

The Engagement process for the closure of 16 beds at Bishops Castle Hospital has been beset with delays and problems. Could ShropCom explain how they intend to analyse the digital and paper surveys sent out when the closing date is 17th July and the Board meeting to decide the beds future is 3rd August?

Papers will need to be published at least a week in advance of this date. A full breakdown of the engagement results will be required for the process to be transparent to residents in the 200 sq. miles the hospital serves.

Note:

Paper copies have been late to be supplied and by 3rd July there was still no Freepost address to return them to. Posters for the public meetings have been made available very late for circulation and face to face on street engagement has so far been restricted just to Bishop's Castle. They are yet to be rolled out to other areas in the 200 sq. miles. (3rd July)

Response

Cllr Ruth Houghton

In patient beds at Bishop's Castle Community Hospital closed on a temporary basis in November 2021 due to staffing issues. Can Shropshire Community NHS Trust please confirm what attempts they have made to recruit both qualified and non qualified staff for Bishop's Castle Hospital during the period November 2021 to the end of June 2023. Can the answer please include the following:

The recruitment activity undertaken and the dates of each activity,

The number of applications received by post and grade

The number of staff offered employment by post and grade.

The number of staff that accepted offers of employment by post and grade.

Response