

## Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

27 January 2025

### Public Questions

#### Councillor Beverley Waite

I would like to ask the following questions at the next HOSC meeting as we need answers to these questions so that the community can plan for a healthy future for our communities. We will offer all the help and support we can to maintain the hospitals future for our people.

Ludlow hospital building and services have been deteriorating over the last several years. Ludlow town has a population of over 11,000 residents, plus the new housing estates in the parish of Ludford and it also serves a considerable hinterland of rural residents. They deserve a better service locally than offered at present.

Could you therefore answer the following for the residents of Ludlow:

- When will significant capital works be carried out on the building to secure it for Ludlow people?
- What is the level of staffing at present on the wards?
- How much reliance is there on Agency staff?
- How many beds are open and what could that bed capacity be with the correct level of staffing?
- When will ShropCom engage with the community to help with recruitment as happened so very successfully in Bishops Castle?
- When will the scanner bought by the friends of Ludlow Hospital be returned and staff recruited to run it?
- What plans are there for other services to be added to reduce travel for our many vulnerable residents.