

# NHS DEMANDS £100K FROM DEVELOPERS

**The NHS is demanding £100,000 from a developer behind plans for a 100-home estate - to pay for the pressure it will put on health services.**

The new estate is estimated to bring another 240 patients to GP and other services, putting extra demand on existing care to people in the community.

The NHS demand for payment from the developer of 100 houses at Burford, next to Boraston Drive and off the A456, comes amid an ongoing debate about the impact of new developments around Shropshire.

Particular towns under pressure include Shifnal and Albrighton, which are popular because of their good transport links. Bridgnorth is also facing a major expansion.

Hereford and Worcestershire Integrated Care Board (ICB) has

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Chief Reporter

made the demand to Shropshire Council as part of the planning process.

It said the development is likely to impact on local GP services in the area it controls, which is just across the border from the south Shropshire village of Burford, near Ludlow. As part of the impact it is asking the developer behind the plans, Lonestar Developments, for money to mitigate the effect.

Karen Payton, head of primary care at NHS Herefordshire and Worcestershire, said: "It has been calculated that the likely impact of the development is an additional 240 patients.

"The ICB therefore considers a developer contribution will be required which would support the

development of primary care infrastructure in the area as a consequence of the increase in demand caused by the proposed new housing development."

She added: "A developer contribution will be required to mitigate the impacts of this proposal. Herefordshire and Worcestershire ICB calculates the level of contribution required in this instance directly relating to the number of dwellings to be £100,800.

"Payment should be made before the development commences."

She said that if the request is agreed the ICB would not object to the development, but questions the "sustainability" of developments of this scale without the proper resources to support the healthcare needs of those moving in.

A decision on the application will be taken at a later date.

## M&S to close store cafe on retail park

Marks and Spencer has confirmed it will be closing the cafe at a Shropshire foodhall later this month.

The popular retailer said that the cafe at its Meole Brace store, on Meole Brace Retail Park in Shrewsbury, will be shutting for the final time at the end of Saturday.

M&S said it had decided to use the space currently occupied by the cafe to create more selling space to provide a "greater range".

## Water and electricity cut following storm

Firefighters helped deliver bottled water to people who lost their supplies following Storm Goretti.

Crews from stations in Ludlow, Tweedale and Church Stretton joined Severn Trent in delivering more than 1,500 bottles to properties in the Clee Hill area.

A number of homes in and around Shifnal and Telford were also hit by power cuts into yesterday.

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## Canal collapse leaves cafe in survival fight

A popular cafe has been left isolated by the Shropshire canal collapse and is now in a fight for its future.

The Lockside Cafe, which has been operating for 25 years, has been affected by the failure of the canal bank on the outskirts of Whitchurch. Its owners say they rely on passing canal traffic and that the impact on its trade had already been "substantial".

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Keeper Jacob Doughty at work with laughing kookaburras Indi watching

## One down, another 1,500 to go

Laughing kookaburras Indi was keen to get a look in as staff at a Shropshire zoo started their annual stocktake.

Around 1,500 creatures great and small call Telford Exotic Zoo their home.

And, like all zoos across the country, staff are given the responsibility of counting every single one so that the UK zoo population can be recorded.

Keeper Jacob Doughty was

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given the task of entering Indi's enclosure as part of the exercise.

Head zookeeper Ryan Jordan said he and his staff counted 72 different species of mammals, birds, reptiles and amphibians at the Exotic Zoo, along with around 100 species of invertebrates, such as hissing cockroaches.

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**JOAN MARGARET RICHARDSON**  
 Deceased

Pursuant to the Trustee Act 1925 anyone with a claim against or an interest in the Estate of the deceased, late of 35 Brandywell Road, Broseley, Shropshire, TF12 5ST, who died on 27/11/2025, must send written details to the address below by 13/03/2026, after which the Estate will be distributed with regard only to claims and interests notified.  
**Karen Cureton c/o Clarkes Solicitors,**  
 Hazledine House, Town Centre, Telford, TF3 4JL.  
 Ref: KJC/099415-0003

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**SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL**

Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 Sections 53 and 70

Hackney Carriage Proprietor's Licence and Hackney Carriage Driver's Licence Fees and Private Hire Vehicle Licence, Private Hire Operator's Licence and Private Hire Vehicle Driver's Licence Fees

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** under the above Act that Shropshire Council proposes to vary the statutory permissible fees chargeable for Hackney Carriage, Private Hire Vehicle and Operator's Licences and Drivers' licences. The charges set out below will take effect on 9 February 2026 unless objection is made and not withdrawn.

Licence Type	Current Fee (£)	Proposed 2026/27 Fee (£)
<b>Drivers</b>		
Driver's Licence New - 3 year (inc. DVLA, DBS check, first knowledge test, first driver assessment) including safeguarding awareness course	339.00	341.00
Driver's Licence New - 3 year (inc. DVLA, first knowledge test and first driver training assessment and safeguarding awareness course) excluding DBS check	275.00	304.00
Driver's Licence - 3 Year Renewal (inc. DVLA, DBS check and safeguarding awareness course)	291.00	323.00
Driver's Licence Renewal - 3 Years (including DVLA and safeguarding awareness Course) excluding DBS check	236.00	274.00
Drive's Knowledge Test - resit	56.00	57.00
Driver's Knowledge Test	68.00	86.00
Driver Training Assessment	82.00	89.00
Safeguarding Awareness Training	50.00	51.00
Additional DBS	97.00	99.00
Driver Badge Replacement following damage or loss	48.00	50.00
<b>Vehicles</b>		
Standard Private Hire Vehicle - new	213.00	224.00
Standard Private Hire Vehicle - renewal	219.00	230.00
Standard Private Hire Vehicle – vehicle licence transfer	213.00	224.00
Novelty Private Hire Vehicle - new	200.00	210.00
Novelty Private Hire Vehicle - renewal	215.00	245.00
Novelty Private Hire Vehicle – vehicle licence transfer	196.00	217.00
Executive Private Hire Vehicle - new	206.00	230.00
Executive Private Hire Vehicle - renewal	230.00	266.00
Executive Private Hire Vehicle – vehicle licence transfer	206.00	230.00
Hackney Carriage Vehicle - new	203.00	213.00
Hackney Carriage Vehicle - renewal	206.00	231.00
Hackney Carriage Licence – vehicle licence transfer	205.00	228.00
Vehicle Licence Holder (Licensee) Transfer	103.00	108.00
Exterior plate replacement following damage or loss	47.00	50.00
Internal plate replacement following damage or loss	47.00	50.00
Fare card replacement following damage or loss	3.00	3.00
Private Hire Door Signs (pair)	47.00	50.00
<b>Private Hire Operators – 5 Years - New Application</b>		
Private Hire Operator – up to and including 30 vehicles and one base	375.00	479.00
Private Hire Operator – 31 vehicles and more and/or more than one base	985.00	1034.00
<b>Private Hire Operators – 5 Years - Renewal of Licence</b>		
Private Hire Operator – up to and including 30 vehicles and one base	417.00	522.00
Private Hire Operator – 31 vehicles and more and/or more than one base	956.00	1186.00
<b>Additional Administrative Charges</b>		
Licence holders change of details (e.g. change of address/other minor changes)	52.00	54.00

In accordance with Section 70 (3) (b) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 a copy of this notice may be inspected without payment during normal office hours at the Council's offices at Guildhall Frankwell Quay Shrewsbury SY3 8HQ, for a period of 4 weeks from 12 January 2026 to 8 February 2026.

Any objections to the proposed fees and charges should be made in writing and addressed to Licensing, Shropshire Council, Guildhall Frankwell Quay Shrewsbury SY3 8HQ or by e mail to taxis@shropshire.gov.uk by midnight on 8 February 2026.

Any objections received, if not withdrawn, will be considered by the Council's Strategic Licensing Committee on the 4 March 2026 and the fees, with or without modification, shall come into force on 1 April 2026.

Dated 5 January 2026  
 Mandy Beever, Transactional Management and Licensing Manager

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