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NHS FUTURE FIT

The Numbers—The Calculations

You will be aware that a considerable length of time has passed while the Future Fit Board attempted a Plan to improve services. Finally they have come up with some proposals.

Before we examine their wisdom lets think back to 29th September 2014 when a new £28 million Women and Children Centre was opened at Princess Royal Hospital.

The PRH was the chosen site as the build cost was far lower than it would cost at the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital and the PRH had the room for a new Centre.

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New Planning Regs Local Development Orders

T & W are introducing simplified Planning Application procedures for certain classes of House alterations or extensions.

The procedure will only apply to the following applications;

- (1) the erection of single storey, two storey and first floor rear and side extensions to dwelling houses
- (2) single storey extensions to dwelling houses that were previously offices / storage and distribution units / shops / Amusement Arcades / Agricultural Buildings already converted under permitted development rights,
- (3) the erection of porches on dwelling houses
- (4) the installation of External Thermal Cladding on dwelling houses and;
- (5) the installation of a dropped kerb on an unclassified road when it relates to a dwelling house access point.

Key Points.

The Order allows **certain** extensions to be built without planning permission.

Exclusions are

Houses in Conservation areas, on sites designated SSSI, Listed Buildings and Buildings in Outstanding Areas of natural Beauty etc.

Guidelines of what is allowed will be available online

The Owner has to complete an Application form and attached scale drawings of the extension etc. The Owner has to copy these to their neighbours each side and opposite to their property. In the application one has to provide proof of notification of the plans to your neighbours. For a fee T & W will do this for you. Successful applications will be processed in two weeks.

For full details [http://](http://www.telford.gov.uk/downloads/file/4771/draft_ido_guidance)

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Calling all Little Ones!

Have you noticed anything new at Rodington Village's fantastic play area?

Rodington and Longden Parish Council are delighted to inform you that a new baby slide is now installed in the centre of the children's play area at Rodington Village Hall.

After listening to village feedback that the children's play area was more dedicated to older children than tots the Parish Council set about obtaining a more suitable piece of equipment this summer. We were delighted to receive support and funding from Parks and Open Spaces Environmental Services at Telford and Wrekin Council with particular assistance from Derek Owen, Parks & Open Spaces Officer. We were able to match existing equipment style and secure a "Kompan H120" Free Standing child's slide! This is much more suitable for little ones as my daughter's Elizabeth (age 4) and Ava (age 2) will testify! (So too can their mom, as she gets a little scared on the bigger slides herself!)

The cost of the supply and installation of the slide was £4579.17 however with thanks to a Section 106 agreement most of the funding was supplied by a local developer and the cost to our Parish was just £200. We believe this is money well spent and will give lots of tots (and their moms and dads!) hours of safe fun and make the wonderful children's play area in the Parish suitable for children of all ages.

By Charlotte Tennant



NHS FUTURE FIT

The staff were delighted with the state of the art equipment and the spacious size of the department versus the cramped conditions at the Shrewsbury hospital. Quotes from Staff in Shropshire Star on opening day.

In first year close to 4000 babies were born and the CQC inspection 2015 rated the Department as "Good"

We mention this up front as the preferred option of the Experts is that the Department should be moved back to Shrewsbury *supposedly to reduce the deficit*.

Bear in mind the population in Telford is of a younger average which means the birth-rate is higher in Telford than the rest of Shropshire on a per head basis.

The Office of National Statistics confirms this trend in 2015 Shropshire births totalled 2795 from a population of approx. 310,000 of which 157,000 are women.

Telford with 86,300 women gave birth to 2075. The respective birth rates are Shropshire 1.80 and Telford 1.93.

With Telford increasing housing stock by 9500 homes over five years it is a fair estimate to say the total of births will quickly match the total for the whole of Shropshire in the not too distant future.

So now the NHS Future Fit team aided and abetted by the STP team have finally come up with a plan.

. Anyway we (the Public) can at least get involved now in reviewing the Plan. Is it a plan, after several years of discussion it is not really a plan it is a series of options.

Option A

No change at either Hospital

Option B	COST £250 million
Telford	EC UCC LPC W & C
Shrewsbury	DTC UCC LPC

Option C1	Cost £312 million
Telford	DTC UCC LPC
Shrewsbury	EC UCC LPC W & C

Option C2	Cost £295 million
Telford	DTC UCC LPC W & C
Shrewsbury	EC UCC LPC

EC Emergency Centre for Blue Light cases

UCC Urgent Care Centre 75% of AE cases

DTC Diagnostic Centre

LPC Local Planned Care

W & C Woman and Child Dept.

The costs are from the Boards papers and are the Capital costs. However that is just the beginning of the valuation.

The panel gave weighting to the following factors,

Accessibility 25.1% Quality 31.2%
Workforce 27.3% Deliverability 16.3%

These weightings are the average of two panels plus a Public telephone survey, they were checked for bias and minor adjustment for voters linked to Shrewsbury and voters linked to Telford favouring the Home town.

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Remember weightings applied in Financial decisions as the criteria's, are not a number of exactitude they are personal opinions translated into numbers.

These numbers can then effect the financial numbers coming out of the executive machine. Further more some key calculations have been measured over 30 years and one set goes for 60 years.

No Commercial enterprise would make financial decisions on a spreadsheet covering 60 years. Remember this is the Trust who recently admitted the deficit this year will be 17.2 million this year.

Sensitivity Analysis this is a 30 year analysis of the costs of each option. On this scale Option B the boards favourite is 1st ,with option C2 retaining the Women and Children at Telford is just **1.3%** cost over option B in terms of Equivalent Annual Cost.

Remember option B to move a successful Women's department back to Shrewsbury effectively throws £28 million in the bin.

Section 4.3.2 clearly shows; says;

Equivalent Annual Cost in 000's

Option B 323,594

Option C 327,895

These figures totally ignore the unnecessary waste of the £28 million which is part of the deficit which has to fixed somewhere down the road.

If the IMF and Bank of England cannot forecast UK growth correctly in a 12 month period what chance has a 30 year NHS budget got?

NHS ENGLAND REVIEWS THE PLAN

The NHS FUTURE FIT plan is controversial it has not impressed NHS England who oversee the various UK Health Trusts.

They commented it lacked detail in its sections on how to reduce the deficit whilst improving services at the same time.

NHS England were clearly concerned that the Trust had not got a handle on how the plan would pan out.

They specifically stated;

“There is no confidence in the STP plan as it does not address the deficit situation. The plan makes no mention how the £270 million cost would be financed.

In diplomatic terms this says in four years you have still not got a “workable” plan.

Bear in mind most Chief Execs of Hospital Trusts earn more than the Prime Minister.

Remember Peter Herring the previous CE of the Shropshire Trust retired for a DAY and then was re-hired 1 day later.

Why, that allowed a tax free windfall of £252,000 for him. He was only allowed to work part-time for the month after, but was still paid for full time for that period. The situation was not announced at the time. So he earned over £400,000 that year and helped to increase the deficit. He resigned some months later probably laughing all the way home.

News Flash

As predicted on Page 7 the

Consultation Process has been delayed. The Board met Monday 12th Dec. To re-view the situation.

The board was split in opinion 6 to 6 votes by their geographical location.

More meetings to follow.

Sustainability and Transformation Plan

The STP programme covers all of England.

The Times reported on December 10th that 41 STP plans had been published so far and this showed that 19 A & E units and 12 Maternity units were under threat of closure plus closure of around 10 small local hospitals losing the NHS 1800 beds in England.

In defence of the Shropshire report, it is grand plan suited to Utopia. Unfortunately in the arena of Health services our address does not have a Utopia post-code.

The reports "Risk Assessment", mentions;

A history of poor application of such plans, the savings predicted may not materialise, may not be able to source the funding required, recruitment problems (e.g. dwindling supply of GP's not mention shortage of NHS nurses and Doctors). Lack of support from public, lack of support from Clinicians.

The plan is excellent; T & W have a similar project maximising joined up services for eradicating Homelessness. Result Bed & Breakfast emergency accommodation has been eradicated and at most times the Homeless number is only those who refuse help and those who have not contacted the Council.

This has been achieved by pulling all the various organisations dealing with Homeless persons and working together in a well thought through plan.

STP Listed Aims

- 1.To build resilience and social capital
- 2.Integrated care across the NHS and Social Care
- 3.More appropriate use of hospital care
- 4.Working as one health system
- 5.Sustainable workforce
- 6.Sustainable finances

Objectives



To build **resilience and social capital** into people's environment so they have the knowledge and skills to help themselves to live healthier and happier lives enabled by current and emerging digital technologies.

}To develop a model of **coordinated and integrated care across the NHS, Social Care and the Voluntary Sector** that reduces duplication and places the patient and service user at the centre, ensuring parity of esteem. We intend to achieve this by connecting Health and Care systems ensuring that data flow freely to those who need to see it.

}To work as **one Health and Care system** to deliver for patients and citizens and develop a single shared view of the place-based needs of the population using advanced business intelligence capabilities.

}To develop a **sustainable workforce** that is fit for purpose, is supported by modern technology, and can deliver evidence-based care in new ways that suit user's lifestyles and where they live. }To develop a transformed system of care that is **high quality, financially sustainable**, efficient and delivers on national standards all the time.

}To use evidence from around the world to develop excellence in care and **pioneering services** through the use of high quality research and use of new technologies.

The 73 page document continues in this style. If you read it you would agree that is the way to go but poor management, lack of funds and reluctance of the public To follow the plan .One senses the writers have written it because the Government said we need to write a plan.

CQC RATINGS of our Hospitals

CQC inspections & ratings of specific services at ROYAL SHREWSBURY

(Latest report published on 20 January 2015)

Medical care (including older people's care)	Requires improvement
Urgent and emergency services (A&E)	Requires improvement
Surgery	Requires improvement
Intensive/critical care	Requires improvement
Maternity and gynaecology	Good
Services for children & young people	Good
End of life care	Inadequate



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End of life care	Requires improvement
Outpatients	Good

NHS FUTURE FIT CONSULTATION

Public Consultation should be announced early January, it could be delayed if a Judicial Review is called for, or if NHS England really leans on the Trust for a re-write to rectify the lack of financial reality.

Whenever it starts it has to be advertised in the press and Shropshire Star and Shropshire Radio will sound the trumpet loudly.

WHY HAVE YOU TOLD US ALL THIS

WE (The Public) pays for this service and currently we are not getting value for money.

There is a tendency for many to say "what's the point its all decided". If you say that and walk away then probably you will be right.

However if most think about the options and reach a decision as to which solution it should be then at least you have played a part. As with elections you might not get the decision you want but at least you took part.

You can download the Future Fit document from Rodingtonpc.org.uk

Click into **NHS Future Fit Page** listed on Homepage side Menu.

From the same page you can read STP covering issues outside the Hospital environments.

Not into Internet write to the Clerk Mrs L. Tunks, 4 Wood Lane, Hinstock, Near Markey Drayton, TF9 2TA to request paper copies. We will post you NHS Future Fit and the STP plan. Due to size of documents and postage we require a cheque made payable to Rodington Parish Council for £5 to cover the Print and Postage cost.

A personal View on the Options. By Dave Johnson

1. There should be one A & E and Shrewsbury is the Central point of the area covered by the Trust. Unable to man two A & E's correctly for so long is dangerous place to be. 75 to 80% of A & E attendances are in reality not emergencies but categorised as urgent care cases.
2. The Women & Child Centre should stay at PRH, a) its criminal to throw the investment away £28m, and by their numbers rebuilding the Department at Shrewsbury will cost more than the existing department that is functioning well. Plus SRH does have a maternity unit so only a small percentage will have to make their way to Telford.

So the option I would push for is C2, this should improve recruitment for the A & E because management say the small size of the Department does not attract the talent. If they still cannot recruit then that points to poor management and that would need addressing quickly.

The real problems lie elsewhere, funding cuts when the service is so stretched is the straw that will break the Camels back. Bed blocking, use of Agency Nurses, and zero control of price increases on drugs are major drives of wasted NHS expenditure. In commerce a Buyer who ticked OK on a 200% price increase would be Fired very quickly. Yet the NHS has allowed this to happen repeatedly without anyone raising an eyebrow. Things are starting after the Times repeatedly revealed blatant cases of extortion, the latest costing Pfizer £70 million and their UK accomplice Flynn Pharma 5.2 million. (Fines are restricted to 10% of annual turnover). Attack these issues and everyone might see the wood for the trees.

Parish Council Update

Rodington Cemetery

The Council is exploring and seeking quotations to improve the entrance to the Cemetery.

Currently hearses have to park on the road as the entrance is unsuitable for such vehicles. With passing traffic on this corner this makes it difficult for a dignified entry to the cemetery.

The plan is to widen the entrance to allow the hearse to reverse into the site which will be far safer for mourners.

The plan is to replace the gates and have short brick built wing walls.



Newsletter

As part of the budget review for 2016/17 members decided that a quarterly Newsletter should be published. However due to postage costs alternative methods of communication need review.

New Councillor

We welcomed Jessica Nicholls to the Council in September, experienced in Management and IT.

New Vice Chair Charlotte Tennant has become Vice Chair.

Superfast Broadband has arrived in our villages!

After waiting many years, superfast broadband finally arrived in most parts of the Parish in October!

You will not automatically benefit from the upgrades to the local exchanges. You will need to contact your broadband provider and change your package from standard broadband to fibre broadband.

To find out whether superfast is now available to you, go to <https://www.homeandwork.openreach.co.uk/when-can-i-get-fibre.aspx> and put in your address.

Why Upgrade? It is far faster than the current connection and as the architecture is all new, much more reliable. The extra speed allows for quick downloads of films and music and reliable streaming – even in High Definition. Downloading programmes to watch at a later date takes minutes rather than hours!

Do you have family or friends miles away? You can use Skype and other video-conferencing with confidence to keep in touch. No more dropouts or pixelated images! For many who work from home, fibre broadband becomes essential. Along with much faster download speeds, upload speeds are also greatly increased, making uploading files to your website or workplace much faster and easier. VPN is also far superior over the fibre connection for remote workers.

Useful Tips. Almost all internet providers offer a fibre service – so you do not need to switch providers or use a particular one to receive superfast. If your current contract has passed the minimum fixed-period, you are in a great position to haggle over price. Ask your current supplier for their price, then shop around. Be aware that cheapest is not always best! To get very low prices something has to go and it may be reflected in the quality of the hardware, or the level of service – so it's wise to look at customer reviews online before you choose. Go to Trustpilot reviews first and search for your chosen Company.