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Dear Caron and Dave,

### **Re: Response to the Future Fit Report presented to Joint HOSC Meeting 19<sup>th</sup> June 2014**

Thank you for attending the Joint HOSC meeting at Shirehall on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June. There were three issues that the Committee were specifically asked to respond to in the report you presented at the meeting and it was agreed that we would write to you to set this out the Committee's response. The response below sets out the comments made by Members of the Committee at the meeting and in is subsequent correspondence.

The Committee commend the work undertaken by the NHS over the last 10 months since we asked you to work together to develop proposals to resolve the issues faced by the hospital trust. We welcome the way the NHS has worked together and the level of clinical engagement that has been achieved so far.

In response to the invitations to respond to the 3 issues in the report:

#### **Page 22 : The Committee was invited to note the revised timetable**

The Committee endorsed the revised time table

#### **Page 24: The Committee was invited to endorse the models proposed**

The Committee commended the work undertaken by all the local NHS partners as part of the Future Fit programme and requested that the following information is provided before endorsement will be considered:

- The number and opening hours of the urgent care centres and their proposed locations which takes into account the presence of community hospitals in Shropshire but none in Telford an Wrekin
- Further details of the staffing arrangements for the urgent care centres including the rotation of staff between the urgent care centre and the emergency centre which will ensure that the services and staffing at each of the Urgent Care Centres will be the same.

- Further information on the finances available to support the implementation of the programme.
- Details of the changes required in Primary Care to ensure that any changes made through the Future Fit Programme are sustainable ( the Committee recognise that this is outside the remit of the Future Fit Programme and will invite NHS England to attend a future meeting)
- Report on the emergency centre feasibility study and the activity and capacity work stream
- Report on the external clinical assurance
- Feedback on the engagement of nursing and care homes on the proposals
- Further detail is provided on the stand alone diagnostics and treatment centre
- Further detail on the Information Management and Technology that will be required to support the Future Fit Programme including who will develop the programs required, cost and affordability, fit with National Systems, and its likely life span.

**Page 25: The Committee was invited to endorse the proposed approach to the development of the short list.**

The Committee endorsed the proposed approach to the development of the short list subject to the following:

- Assurance that the process will take into account the different models of existing provision between the two local authority / CCG areas.
- Assurance that the local planning authorities are engaged at the earliest appropriate opportunity regarding proposed locations for the emergency care and urgent care centres
- Assurance that nursing / care homes are engaged in the long list and short listing process
- Assurance that the business community is engaged in the long list and short listing process
- Observer status for the Joint HOSC representatives at the short-listing workshops and meetings

The Committee believe that is important that the NHS continue to make the case for change during this process so that at each stage of the Future Fit Process the public and stakeholders understand why it is not possible for health services to remain the same.

Regards,

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Chair Joint HOSC  
Meeting 19<sup>th</sup> June 2014

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Co-chair of the Joint HOSC  
Meeting 19<sup>th</sup> June 2014