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Who is involved in Future Fit?

All local providers of NHS services and patient support groups are involved in the NHS FutureFit programme.

How can I get involved?

Your views count and if you want to get involved, please contact us:

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What is Future Fit?

The NHS Future Fit programme aims to make sure local hospitals continue to meet the needs of everyone living and working in Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin and mid Wales.

Local patients, doctors, nurses and other health professionals are working together to develop a way of delivering high-quality care, using modern medicines and technologies to make services fit for future generations.

Why do we need to change our hospital services?

As you know, we already have some excellent healthcare services in the region and to maintain great standards of care we need to make sure services can continue to improve. Demand for these services is growing and with people living longer, with more long-term conditions, hospitals will need to work differently.

To sustain services for the future, we have to recognise that things need to change. Local people, doctors, nurses and other health professionals are telling us this. More importantly, any changes must be led and driven by local people with local knowledge. We need to take responsibility for our services and decisions should not be taken by anyone outside the area who doesn't understand the communities we live in.

That's where NHS Future Fit comes in. It is a partnership programme bringing together local NHS organisations, social care, voluntary groups and patients to design the right local healthcare system for us.

To address this we need to:

- Maintain high standards of care for our growing number of patients
- Attract the best doctors, nurses and other health professionals to the area with services delivered in the best way to meet patients' needs
- Make sure local services are joined up with social care and voluntary organisations to provide better patient care
- Make sure people only go into hospital if there is no better alternative. We want people to be treated more locally, ideally as close to home as possible.

How will my views help?

We want as many people as possible to share their views, so that local hospital services can be designed to meet the future needs of local people. Look out for events taking place near you and have your say.

