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Dear Bill,

P-03-318 Cross Border Maternity Services

Thank you for your letter of 9 November on behalf of the Petition's Committee regarding the proposal to transfer the consultant led maternity unit, neonatal intensive care unit and child inpatient unit from the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital to the Princess Royal Hospital in Telford.

The Powys Teaching Health Board assessed the impact of different options set out by Royal Shrewsbury Hospital and provided a detailed response to the consultation on these services on 11 March. Following the consultation, the Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust has decided to go ahead with their proposals, albeit with some antenatal services remaining in Shrewsbury.

The Health Board is responsible for ensuring their residents can access the health services they need, including services provided by English hospitals. Powys are now considering their options and, like all Health Boards in Wales, are currently reviewing their maternity services in the light of 'A Strategic Vision for Maternity Services in Wales' and developing a local delivery plan.

Powys Teaching Health Board will also be taking this into consideration in their strategic planning for future service provision.

I hope the Committee finds this information helpful. I am copying this letter to the Chair and Chief Executive of the Powys Teaching Health Board.

Regards
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