



**Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin**  
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# Community Diagnostic Centres briefing

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# Community Diagnostic Centres

## Overview

- ▶ The proposal is to transform diagnostic services through the introduction of Community Diagnostic Centres (CDCs), previously known as Community Diagnostic Hubs, based on a national recommendation following [Sir Mike Richards' review of diagnostic capacity](#) (2020).
- ▶ It will see elective diagnostic tests delivered away from acute hospital sites and separately from urgent diagnostic scans. Reducing waiting times for non-urgent tests and risk of cancellation, improving patient experience and outcomes.
- ▶ STW has been successful in being allocated £4.5 million of capital funding to develop and open a pilot CDC in the Telford area. This is set to open to patients early next year.
- ▶ The capital funding is backed up by an initial revenue fund of more than £2.4 million to support staffing, leasing and expected requirements.

## Key Data

- ▶ Why Telford? Telford is within 10% of the most deprived areas in England and Wales meaning it is a location with high health inequalities
- ▶ Early engagement work has taken place, with nearly 1,300 responses to our questionnaire
  - ▶ Four out of five (80%) agreed that there is a need for CDCs in Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin
  - ▶ 82% of people agreed the NHS should invest in CDCs
  - ▶ 76% of people stated that it would make it easier for patients to access services.
- ▶ Proposed services and equipment in our 1<sup>st</sup> CDC include
  - ▶ CT (a series of X-ray images taken from different angles around the body)
  - ▶ Non Obstetric Ultrasound Scans (non-invasive scans)
  - ▶ X-Ray
  - ▶ ECG (Electrocardiograms)
  - ▶ Clinic rooms
  - ▶ Phlebotomy (blood tests) with some on site point of care sample analysis.

## Next Steps

- ▶ Working groups are meeting regularly including: Workforce; Estates; Digital; Clinical (pathways design).
- ▶ The CDC will be sited in the TF3 area of Telford (Stafford Park 1) .
- ▶ Development of the first CDC is well underway, including: agreeing the lease for a property, securing utilities, preparing the interior, procuring equipment; and staff recruitment plans.
- ▶ A new diagnostic suite is also being built on the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital site, the first step in separating elective from urgent scans.
- ▶ Subject to engagement, we are proposing to site three further CDCs in the county over the next few years (Shrewsbury, North Shropshire and South Shropshire).





# Early Engagement (nearly 1,300 responses to our survey)

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Tuesday, 29th June 2021 / in News / by Clerk

Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin has been selected as one of the first places in the country to launch a community diagnostic health hub.

These health hubs will offer a number of diagnostic tests at the same time, making it much easier and quicker for people to get tested and provide faster results, meaning treatments can happen sooner and lives can be

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The **community diagnostic health hub** coming to **Shropshire**, Telford and Wrekin will provide faster access to life-saving tests, helping to improve patient experience and enhance quality of care. Tell us what you think? Fill out this survey here: [stwics.org.uk/community-diag...](https://stwics.org.uk/community-diag...)

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### Stakeholder Briefing

**Briefing Summary:**

Across Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin (STW), we are proposing to transform the way we deliver diagnostic services, through the introduction of Community Diagnostic Hubs (CDHs). CDHs are a national recommendation that have come out of the [Richards' Review of Diagnostics Capacity](#) and will see





# Survey Findings

- ▶ Satisfaction with current testing services is good, but some criticism of Imaging and Heart and Lung testing
- ▶ CDCs were well received by participants
- ▶ Positive opinion of CDCs was shared across all groups
- ▶ CDCs meet key service improvement needs
- ▶ CDCs are expected to increase capacity and improve services
- ▶ CDCs will help make services more accessible
- ▶ There are some concerns about how CDCs will be staffed
- ▶ There is potential for CDCs to extend the services offered
- ▶ NHS staff were also positive towards CDCs, but had some concerns about staffing
- ▶ Opinion about the pilot location varied by where respondents lived – any location must be car friendly

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# CDC Benefits

- ▶ Dedicated community diagnostic sites to support patients separate to the acute hospitals
- ▶ Additional capacity in the county
- ▶ Additional support to cancer pathways
- ▶ Extra capacity to help meet the increased demand for diagnostics magnified by the pandemic
- ▶ Reduce the number of people needing to visit acute hospital environments
- ▶ Separation of Acute & Elective Diagnostics
- ▶ Separation from the acute hospitals will help keep CDC locations free from COVID
- ▶ One site which will eventually support all imaging and key diagnostics tests





# CDC Road Map

