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Dear Catriona


**Letter of Support to the Board of SaTH in relation to the Updated Strategic Outline Case (SOC) for the Hospitals Transformation Programme**

Thank you for your letter of the 20 May 2022 replying to my letter of 19 April 2022 in relation to the Strategic Outline Case (SOC) for the Hospital Transformation Programme. Thank you for responding to the points in our letter and setting out the matters that the SaTH Board has considered as part of plans for the OBC phase of the programme. I am pleased to see that the SaTH Board will continue to oversee delivery of these plans to make sure that progress is made in a timely manner. This will allow us to build on the teamwork that has taken place during the development of the SOC, which has ensured that the assumptions in the case are aligned with our wider health system planning assumptions.

The CCG Governing Body supports the urgent need to progress with the HTP and the recommended way forward outlined in the draft SOC. We are fully committed, and we would expect the emerging ICB to be equally committed, along with our system partners, to working with regulators, the Department of Health and Social Care and the Treasury to secure the required funding.

We hope that you will consider as we move forward into the Outline Business Case stage, along with colleagues in the Integrated Care Board, the importance of the work needed to engage further with the public to help the public understand what the care model will mean for patients in Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin. We would ask the SaTH Board to consider this as a particularly important priority in relation to the future of Urgent Care services. For the avoidance of doubt, the CCG does not expect this further public engagement to delay progression of the finalisation of the SOC or its approval.

Yours sincerely



**Dr John Pepper**  
Chair  
Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin CCG