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The Rt Hon Boris Johnson MP
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Dear Prime Minister

Reconfiguration of Hospital Services for Shropshire

The government has committed to a £312 million investment in upgrading and modernising hospital services in Shropshire, and you will recall back in January 2020 my question to you in the House of Commons asking for your personal intervention to help progress the Shrewsbury and Telford Hospitals NHS Trust (SATH) Future Fit project. At that time you gave your assurance that "We are indeed getting on with that job and the Secretary of State for Health says that he will personally intervene to ensure that is done."

I fully respect that at that time we could not have foreseen that the country would be hit by the coronavirus pandemic that would bring about huge challenges both for the government and the NHS. As such many much needed projects throughout the country have been put on hold. Future Fit, is a project that has been thwarted by delay after delay primarily due to the relevant authorities not being able to agree on the location of the Emergency Care Centre for Shropshire. This further delay, albeit unavoidable, means that the lives of the people of Shropshire are continuing to be put at risk by not having health care services that are fit for purpose and SATH will continue to have difficulties with recruitment due to the uncertainty over working arrangements.

This week we have started to see a major reduction in Covid-19 cases and you have announced a significant easing of lockdown measures in England. Please can I now have reassurance that you will resume work with the Health Secretary to ensure that Future Fit is brought to fruition.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

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