

HANDS OFF OUR A&E SERVICES

Defend Shropshire's Hospitals

- NHS bosses think it's 'unrealistic' for Shropshire to have two A&Es and two hospitals with intensive care and acute beds. They want to close these vital services at one hospital—with the Royal Shrewsbury top of the hit list.
- The hospital that keeps its A&E and acute beds (probably the Princess Royal) also faces huge cuts. Planned surgery—hip replacements, hernia repair, cataract surgery etc—will be axed. The one remaining A&E will be swamped. This is no victory for Telford.
- Even worse: our A&E is going to be downgraded. If you've had a stroke or heart attack, if your child is seriously ill, if you need any kind of specialist emergency care—then you'll have to go to the Royal Stoke instead. Stoke's A&E is already in crisis: in January, locking the front door to stop ambulances dropping off patients!
- Cuts, downgrading and centralisation will mean longer ambulance journey times—and that in turn means patients dying on the way to hospital.
- This is about money, not patient care. Local NHS bosses admit that a 'key driver is financial austerity' - but then pretend £82 million cuts will lead to better patient care. Really?

Contact the campaign:

info@shropshiredefendournhs.org
Or phone 01584 878 749



Our hospitals cover 540,000 people, spread across three counties and over 2000 square miles. **We need both our A&Es and both our hospitals, Shrewsbury and Telford.**

That's the message we need to get across to NHS bosses, and to the MPs and councillors who have the power to stop these cuts and closures.

Our lives: more important than budget cuts

HANDS OFF OUR A&E SERVICES

Defend Shropshire's Hospitals

- NHS bosses think it's 'unrealistic' for Shropshire to have two A&Es and two hospitals with intensive care and acute beds. They want to close these vital services at one hospital—with the Royal Shrewsbury top of the hit list.
- The hospital that keeps its A&E and acute beds (probably the Princess Royal) also faces huge cuts. Planned surgery—hip replacements, hernia repair, cataract surgery etc—will be axed. The one remaining A&E will be swamped. This is no victory for Telford.
- Even worse: our A&E is going to be downgraded. If you've had a stroke or heart attack, if your child is seriously ill, if you need any kind of specialist emergency care—then you'll have to go to the Royal Stoke instead. Stoke's A&E is already in crisis: in January, locking the front door to stop ambulances dropping off patients!
- Cuts, downgrading and centralisation will mean longer ambulance journey times—and that in turn means patients dying on the way to hospital.
- This is about money, not patient care. Local NHS bosses admit that a 'key driver is financial austerity' - but then pretend £82 million cuts will lead to better patient care. Really?

Contact the campaign:

info@shropshiredefendournhs.org
Or phone 01584 878 749



Our hospitals cover 540,000 people, spread across three counties and over 2000 square miles. **We need both our A&Es and both our hospitals, Shrewsbury and Telford.**

That's the message we need to get across to NHS bosses, and to the MPs and councillors who have the power to stop these cuts and closures.

Our lives: more important than budget cuts