

More work needed to allow NHS Future Fit to move forward

A joint committee meeting of NHS Telford & Wrekin and Shropshire Clinical Commissioning Groups today agreed not to go to public consultation while more work is carried out.

It means that without a preferred option or options a public consultation will not now go ahead and the matter will refer back to the NHS Future Fit Programme Board.

Dr Julian Povey, Chair of Shropshire Clinical Commissioning Group said: “As a CCG we continue to support the process of Future Fit and are happy to support an independent review of the process which will allow us to move forward. As a board we are still committed to the principals of NHS Future Fit.”

Dr Jo Leahy, Chair of Telford and Wrekin CCG said: “I would like to emphasise that this is not an end to the process and we need to find a way to move forward together. We will go out to consultation following an external review of the process and with all the required evidence.”

David Evans, NHS Future Fit Senior Responsible Officer said: “I would like to thank everyone who has been involved in the programme and the discussion today. There is acceptance by both CCGs that No Change is not an option and this has been confirmed by the recent West Midlands Clinical Senate review.