**Drop-in sessions for communities announced for 2025**

 **28 January 2025**

**The Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital (SaTH) NHS Trust has announced six months of dates for community drop-in sessions, as part of the Hospitals Transformation Programme (HTP).**

The multi-million pound investment will bring high quality, sustainable care and fewer delays for everyone. Construction work is well underway on a new four-storey expansion at Royal Shrewsbury Hospital (RSH) as part of the programme, which is expected to open in 2028.

The HTP plans will see Princess Royal Hospital (PRH) specialise in planned care, and RSH specialise in emergency care. In addition to this, 24/7 urgent care services will be available at PRH.

The Trust is committed to informing and involving its patients and communities as plans progress, and is visiting the following locations across Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin, and mid Wales.

Dates for the sessions are as follows:

* Newport Market, Friday 14 February, 10am-2pm
* Ironbridge Co-op, Monday 17 March, 12noon-4pm
* Church Stretton Co-op, Friday 2 May, 10am-1pm
* Wellington Market, Friday 9 May, 10am-2pm
* Welshpool Market, Monday 16 June, 10am-2pm
* Bridgnorth Market, Friday 11 July, 10am-2pm

The sessions offer members of the public a chance to find out more about the programme and ask any questions they may have.

More information about these events are available here: <https://www.sath.nhs.uk/about-us/get-involved/public-participation-2/get-involved-with-us-2/htp-focus-groups/hospital-transformation-programme-external-meetings/>

**ENDS**

**Notes for Editors:**

* The Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust runs the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital and the Princess Royal Hospital, Telford, and is the main provider of acute hospital care for almost 500,000 people from Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin and mid Wales. Patients come to us from Telford, Shrewsbury, Ludlow, Oswestry, Bridgnorth, Whitchurch, Newtown and Welshpool in Powys.
* The Trust continues to work with its partners in health and social care in Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin and mid Wales to develop patient-focused services that meet the needs of our communities.
* If you have any feedback about local healthcare, independent support and signposting is available from Healthwatch Shropshire, Healthwatch Telford and Wrekin and Powys Community Health Council (CHC):
* Healthwatch Shropshire: 01743 237884 or email the team via enquiries@healthwatchshropshire.co.uk
* Healthwatch Telford and Wrekin: 01952 739540 or email info@healthwatchtelfordandwrekin.co.uk
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