

Public questions for Shropshire Health & Wellbeing Board meeting, 17th September 2026.

Questions posed by David Sandbatch.

Preamble (to Q1 &2)

The National Neighbourhood Health Framework was presented as a key driver, with four priority cohorts identified: older people, long-term condition management, children and young people, and mental health. It was confirmed that there is strong alignment between national mandates and local priorities identified.

Source: [\(Public Pack\)Agenda Document for Health and Wellbeing Board, 17/09/2026 09:30](#)

Question 1

Will the National Neighbourhood Health Framework require Shropshire Council to spend more money on Children's services and Adult Social Care services than is spent at the moment? If the answer is Yes do you know how much more?

Reply:

The National Neighbourhood Health Framework does not commit to any additional investment from Shropshire County Council for either children's services or adult social care services

Question 2

As far as I can see the papers show multiple partners (ICB, council, VCS, Shropcom, SaTH), but no system wide pooled budget and no shared workforce plan. How is this matter going to be resolved?

Reply:

System partners are coming together from health, local authorities, VCSE and other provider organisations to discuss how they will oversee implementation of the Neighbourhood Health Framework across Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin. This may include aligning workforce planning and other key enabling functions, but no decisions have been made as yet. Going forward, the Health and Wellbeing Board will provide the collective leadership to design, develop and sign off plans for 'Healthy Neighbourhoods'.

Preamble (to Q3 & 4):

Nevertheless, operational pressure was managed with much greater success than the previous year. An indicator of this is that at no time did we have to escalate our

response on to a Critical Incident footing this year. And SaTH exited winter on a strong footing, with exemplary Ambulance handover performance.

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Question 3

Did the fact that the following expansion of facilities at SaTH have a major impact on the ICBs ability to deliver the winter plan?

Source: [Investment in acute hospitals to improve access to urgent and emergency care - NHS Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin](#)

Reply:

The Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust is creating additional inpatient beds and assessment spaces at Princess Royal Hospital (PRH) in Telford and Royal Shrewsbury Hospital (RSH). These will be ready this winter and include:

- *Expanding acute assessment and same day emergency care at PRH – creating a further 40 assessment spaces*
- *Two new modular wards which are currently being constructed at RSH - creating 56 additional inpatient beds*
- *A new Frailty Same Day Emergency Care (SDEC) unit at PRH will also be made ready for winter, which will support care for more vulnerable, frail patients.*

Question 4

Do we need a Frailty Same Day Emergency Care (SDEC) unit at RSH to support care for more vulnerable, frail patients?

Reply:

We are reviewing frailty service provision in line with the Hospital Transformation Programme that includes a frailty SDEC at RSH.