

HEALTH. The long discussions about the Future of Royal Shrewsbury and Princess Royal hopefully are reaching a proposal to put out to public consultation called the Strategic Outline Case. The document should be in the public domain by December 1st. Both Hospital sites will remain, the usage of the buildings may well change. Each site will continue to provide essential services for the population, Urgent Care, Outpatients, Ambulatory Emergency Care, Diagnostics, and Midwifery Led Care. Either site will then provide Emergency Care or the majority of planned care. There will be debate continuing on the best location for other essential hospital services Women and Children's, Surgery, Cancer etc. the Trusts ambition is to develop Centres of Excellence. There are high capital costs whatever the final decisions £100 to £200million

ADULT SOCIAL CARE

Shropshire is working with Telford to create a Care Partnership Board which will be responsible for bringing together health and social care. This is long overdue and Shropshire has already made considerable efforts to bring this about, through training and reorganisation of the way care is delivered. I pay tribute to the hundreds of Carers who go into people's homes to give support and all staff in this sector.

AMBULANCE SERVICES

There are still problems with response times and despite many efforts to resolve this problem we must recognise we do live in a scattered rural area. Our thanks to the many First Responders who provide valuable assistance until an ambulance arrives. Efforts to improve times are continuing.

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH CARE

There have been considerable concerns about the poor provision of children's mental health care in the County and I am pleased to say an improvement plan is in place and will be monitored by the Health and Wellbeing board.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Cleobury now has a new GP Surgery, an enlarged Dental Centre, an Opticians, First Responders, Chiropody and various physiotherapists, and an excellent pharmacy. Together with the Brown Cleo branch surgery at Stottesdon we are very lucky.

The Cleobury Country Centre have taken over the Library which has secured it for the area and fits in well with their training sessions, business mentoring Community Hub and the Farmers Market.

We still have a Bank and a Post Office and our many other shops in the area which gives us all choice.

SCHOOLS

I welcome the formation of the Shropshire Gateway Educational Trust will secure the future of The Lacon Childe, Cleobury, Cleehill and Stottesdon Primary Schools.

Kinlet and Farlow schools are working together for the children's benefit.

2L BUS

The hoped for improvement in this service has failed to appear, at the Local Joint Committee meeting March 23rd the audience were very passionate to Diamonds representatives. Shropshire's Transport Manager has agreed to explore another way to provide a better service for the Route.

Bridgnorth Community Bus runs every Saturday morning from Cleobury calling at Barbrook, Stottesdon, Chorley to Bridgnorth. Bus passes accepted.

This is a member request stop, ring 01746 768539

AREA YOUTH PARTNERSHIP

we are lucky to have a number of groups who provide activities for our young through the schools and independently. Brownies to Guides/ Scouts, Rich and Sandra outreach work, and Mark Who runs the Hub among other things. Many thanks to the Parish Councils who have donated to the Community Fund which has also received £3,000 grant from Shropshire.

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