

**P-06-1250 Open a full hospital facility, including an A&E department in mid Wales, Correspondence – Petitioner to Committee, 31.03.22**

Dear Sir,

I am replying regarding your recent email and attached document, relating to my petition for a general hospital with A&E facilities within the mid wales area.

Thank you for the reply and the opportunity for this to be heard.

With regard to the attached document, yes powys is a very rural community, however that should not mean that the local communities who live there should have 2nd class medical facilities.

At present, member of the powys community from Newtown have to travel a 100 mile round journey to Telford, due to cut back's in the Shrewsbury hospital for many routine hospital facilities and small procedures.

The nearest A&E department is a 60 mile round trip to Shrewsbury.

Finally with regard to the ambulance coverage In the mid wales area, the ambulance service is stretched to its limits, doing everything they can, however this still leaves instances of people waiting up to 8 hours for an ambulance, often then arriving too late to save the patient as there is another 30 mile trip to Shrewsbury, or a 50 mile trip to Telford hospital.

Why should we have to rely on England's NHS ?

I also wish to highlight you to the fact we have to use the Shropshire "out of hours" doctors service, Shropshire, as there are no out of hours doctors facilities in the area.

We are basically a second class nation within our own country.

Please consider the upgrade of medical services, and the possibility of a general hospital in mid wales.