**Community Diagnostic Centres Q&A:**

**• What’s the rationale for opening Community Diagnostic Centres (CDCs)?**

The principle behind this national initiative is to create ‘one stop shops’ across the country, away from hospitals, so that patients can receive lifesaving checks close to their homes.

By separating elective diagnostics from urgent work, we can reduce waits and cancellations, ensuring patients get better quality services.

**• Who is ‘we’? Who is behind this project?**

This is a real partnership effort, involving pretty much every organisation linked to the Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin (STW) Integrated Care System.

It includes public health colleagues from Shropshire Council and Telford & Wrekin Council, as well as diagnostics providers including Shropshire Community Health, The Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust (SaTH) and The Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital NHS Foundation Trust (RJAH). It also involves colleagues from NHS Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin (NHS STW).

**• So is this about saving money?**

Absolutely not!

We are delighted to say that we secured funding of more than £6 million to develop a centre in Telford.

**• That’s a lot of money. Where is it coming from?**

We were successful in a bid to NHS England and NHS Improvement. We have been awarded £4 million for capital costs, and more than £2.1 million for revenue costs.

**• Why Telford for the pilot?**

Telford has been identified as an area where demand for diagnostic services are amongst the greatest in STW, and where health inequalities are amongst the most severe.

It should be noted that the Telford site will serve our population across Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin, giving all the opportunity to benefit from more timely elective diagnostic treatment.

**• What will be in the centre?**

The CDC will open in three phases, with phase one expected to open in the autumn. When fully operational, the CDC will offer a range of services including CT, Ultrasound, X-Ray, MRI, ECG, Echocardiograms, blood tests, lung functioning tests and basic sleep studies.