

## **Questions & Answers for Northburn Medical Practice & Viaduct Medical Practice Merger**

### **When will the two practices merge?**

The merger is planned for Spring/Summer 2010. When we have more information about exact dates we will inform you of this.

### **Why are the two practices merging?**

There are two main reasons why the practices are merging:

- Merging our two practices will create a larger sustainable practice for the future, bringing together a substantial team of healthcare professionals with a broad range of skills and experience. We are fully committed to providing quality medical services to our patients and believe that by working together we can further develop the services we offer to you.
- The Denburn Health Centre building has a limited life span and, in conjunction with NHS Grampian, plans are underway for us to relocate to new purpose built premises in the next two to three years when a suitable city centre site can be identified. The move to new premises will also offer considerable potential for us to improve and possibly expand the range of services we currently offer.

### **What will the new practice be called?**

The new practice will be called Denburn Medical Practice.

### **Will it still be in Denburn Health Centre?**

The new practice will still be based in Denburn Health Centre for the time being and will operate from the existing areas that both practices currently occupy. However NHS Grampian is currently looking for a new site for the practice to move to.

### **Where will the practice move to?**

Denburn Health Centre is no longer fit for purpose therefore NHS Grampian is currently looking for a suitable city centre site that could accommodate a new

purpose built building. When more information about a suitable site is available we will let you know.

### **When will the practice move to new premises?**

It is hoped that the practice could move within the next two to three years but there are many factors such as how quickly we can identify a site and then getting planning permission that could have an influence on this timescale. Again, when more information is available we will let you know.

### **How do I register with the new practice?**

If you are an existing patient with either Northburn Medical Practice or Viaduct Medical Practice then you do not need to do anything. You will automatically be transferred to the new practice.

### **Will I be able to book an appointment with any GP of my choice?**

Yes, you can choose which GP you would like to see and if there is an appointment available we will try to accommodate you.

### **How will the practice be run?**

The practice will run as one practice therefore all of the staff from the two existing practices will all be part of one team in the new merged practice; as a result, you will be able to access more GPs for example. Also, all of the services that you access at your current GP practice will be available in the merged practice. The merger actually offers the potential for new services to be added.

If you would like more information please speak to your practice manager.