

Dear Patient

INFORMATION FOR PATIENTS REGISTERED WITH VIADUCT MEDICAL PRACTICE, DENBURN HEALTH CENTRE

We are writing to tell you about forthcoming changes to your General Practice (GP practice).

Following discussion with NHS Grampian, we have agreed to merge with Northburn Medical Practice, Denburn Health Centre and become one practice. The new merged practice will be called Denburn Medical Practice. We will continue to work from the areas currently occupied within Denburn Health Centre for the time being. We are aiming to merge in Spring/Summer 2010. We consider that a merger of our practices will be beneficial for the following reasons:-

- 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.

Across Aberdeen City there is an ongoing primary care redesign programme. The aim of the redesign programme is to deliver the right services, in modern premises, with the right people to ensure that primary care is able to meet peoples' healthcare needs and remain sustainable for the future. The merger of the two practices is part of the redesign programme and in line with NHS Grampian's plans to develop community based services in Aberdeen. We hope you will welcome this change.

As part of our merger planning, we will be reviewing our existing practice boundaries (the residential areas from which practices can accept patients on to their list). Consultation on boundaries is currently ongoing between ourselves and the Aberdeen City Community Health Partnership¹.

We wish to provide reassurance that you will continue to receive services from your current GP practice and you are not required to do anything at this time. We will be working closely with the Community Health Partnership over the next few months to ensure a smooth transition and minimal disruption at the time of the merger.

We are committed to keeping you informed and involved therefore we will keep you up to date with developments by letter and through information available in your practice.

If you have any questions regarding your practice or the merger, please contact your Practice Manager or one of the GP partners.

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Yours sincerely

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¹ A Community Health Partnership is an organisation which plans, manages and delivers a range of community based health and social care services for the population of Aberdeen City.

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