

What is happening?

Inverurie Medical Group has taken the very difficult decision to 'hand back' or 'end' its contract to provide General Medical Services (GMS)

Why is this happening?

Inverurie Medical Group is an independent business owned by a Partnership of GPs, which delivers General Medical Services to NHS Grampian.

Unfortunately, the practice has been unable to recruit to several vacancies for a GP for some time. This is a national issue with many complexities and is not due to lack of funding or effort.

The GP Partners (who 'own' the practice) have therefore come to the difficult decision to end the contract with NHS Grampian.

When will this happen?

Inverurie Medical Group will continue as an independent business until 7 September 2023

Do I need to do anything?

No, you do not. The practice will continue to operate as it currently does.

What happens after 7th September 2023?

There are two main ways forward in circumstances such as this. The first is that we, the Aberdeenshire HSCP would take over direct management and operation of the practice and the second is that a new Partnership of GPs or similar might bid to take over operation and management of the practice.

In either of these circumstances, you can be assured that you would still get the care and support you need at the Inverurie Health & Social Care Hub.

How will I find out more?

We will keep patients and the wider community up to date with developments as soon as new information becomes available.

Can I register at a neighbouring Practice?

To ensure stability across all of the Primary Care practices in the area we would ask you to remain registered at your current practice.

Who is responsible for overseeing the process?

The process will be overseen by a project group from the Aberdeenshire Health & Social Care Partnership (AHSCP) which will work in partnership with the Partners of the Inverurie Medical Group.

Who oversees the Aberdeenshire HSCP?

The AHSCP is overseen by the Integration Joint Board (IJB). More information regarding the Integration Joint Board can be found here: <http://bit.ly/IntegrationJointBoard>

What if I want to ask a question now?

Please call **03456 081206** or email aberdeenshireHSCP@aberdeenshire.gov.uk and we will respond as soon as we can.

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