

PARKFIELD MEDICAL CENTRE & WOODCROSS HEALTH CENTRE

Patients Open Meeting

Proposed Practice Merger

There is a national shortage of GP partners and young GP doctors coming through from training. As such the partnership needs to put in place plans for succession, sustainability and continued local care.

By the end of 2022 Dr A. Johnson and Dr A. Latunji will retire from the practice. An opportunity has now risen due to government policy for network working, to merge with Health and Beyond, a local growing partnership to secure the future and sustainability of Parkfield Medical Practice for the patients and staff.

Health and Beyond started when two local GP's found themselves as single-handed GP's and came together. Today this large partnership manages eight GP practices, mainly based in the South East of Wolverhampton. We are now at the stage where we need to discuss this within our own practices, with our patients, staff and the relevant patient's participation groups. Open patient events held set out below:

**Monday 29th July 2019
at 6.30pm**

**St Johns Methodist Church
558 Wolverhampton Road
East
Parkfields
WV4 6AA**

**Wednesday 14th August 2019
at 1.30pm**

**Woodcross Health Centre
Woodcross Lane
Coseley
WV14 9BX**

All Are Welcome

Important Patient Information

In the meantime here are lists of things that are important to us and Health and Beyond Partnership in any merger

What are the most important things we will be maintaining from our current services?

- ✓ Maintaining continuity of care with your GP or nurse
- ✓ Telephone consultations
- ✓ The quality of what we currently provide
- ✓ Confidentiality and data security
- ✓ Remaining patient focused
- ✓ Flexibility and accessibility to clinical staff
- ✓ There will be NO reduction in services or of reduced quality.

What we feel you would like to see?

- ✓ Greater range of Outpatient clinics in our practices rather than hospital
- ✓ Better after care service and access - including district nursing and community care
- ✓ More preventative care
- ✓ Being able to email for advice or support
- ✓ More mental health services including counselling
- ✓ Better use of IT and other technology to improve access for patients
- ✓ Greater access to obtaining emergency appointments, in the evening, and both Saturday and Sundays
- ✓ More availability of appointments for chronic disease management
- ✓ Greater in depth medicine management
- ✓ Local phlebotomy appointments closer to home
- ✓ Greater choice of male and female GP's



Some of the frequently asked questions FAQ's

When will the new organisation be established?

The merger will take place in November 2019

Will everything change in December?

You will experience little change to your service. Any changes to how we deliver services, we will look for ideas and feedback from patients, will be phased in over the first two years after the merger in a gradual, planned way. Retaining the quality of our services is really important to us all.

Will I still be able to attend the same premises?

You can attend the same premises as you visit now but in the future will be able to choose where you go within the group to suit you.

Will I still be able to contact you on the same telephone number?

You will still be able to use the same telephone number.

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