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Dear Patient,

Over the past year, our practice has been reviewing the way we work. We believe that working closer with other practices will provide longer term stability for our patients.

With this in mind, we wanted to let you know about an opportunity we have to consider merging with Oakwood Surgery of Cantley, Doncaster.

The benefits of this proposed merger would include:

* Increased capacity for providing General Practice services.
* Wider range of services available in the future.
* Upgrading of our telephone systems to improve access.
* Offer flexibility to attend one of 3 sites, with extended opening hours on some days.
* Create more training opportunities for new doctors, nurses and other health care professionals and training and development for our existing teams.

The Partners and practices teams are committed to making the merger work for the benefit of our patients. Not only do we want to maintain a high quality of care, but we also want to build on this to strengthen our ability to meet the challenges that General Practices is currently facing.

It is important to us that our patients are given the opportunity to provide feedback and ask questions on what the proposed merger means to the care they will receive.

We will be holding two public engagement events which our patients are invited to attend. These will be on **WEDNESDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER 2023** at **18:30** at the New Hall, Peakes Croft (off Station Road), Bawtry and **WEDNESDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER 2023** at **14:30** at Phoenix Theatre, Station Road, Bawtry. You are welcome to attend either of these meetings, at which will be present representatives of both practices’ partners (Dr Eggitt & Dr Harding for Oakwood, Dr Thomas & Dr Wong for Bawtry & Blyth Medical). A representative of HealthWatch will also be present for the meetings and our patients will be free to approach them with any questions they may have.

If you wish to attend one of these meetings, please email nnicb-bassetlaw.blythgeneral@nhs.net to let us know. Please do not ring the practice as our telephone lines are extremely busy.

**Frequently Asked Questions**

**Which practices are involved?**

The Oakwood Surgery, Cantley, and Bawtry and Blyth Medical.

**Will the Practice name change?**

Yes. We have not yet decided on a name and would welcome any suggestions from staff or patients.

**When is the ‘merger’ likely to happen?**

We are in the early stages of the process, with patient engagement being a priority. Our aim is to complete this as soon as we are able.

**Will I still be able to see my own doctor?**

Yes. There will be no change.

**Will the telephone number change?**

We will be looking to get one telephone system which will cover both Practices. If the telephone number should change, all patients will be notified.

**What difference will it make to me as a patient?**

You should see very little change in the current services that you receive as a patient. We hope, in time there will be a wider range of services for you to access.

**Will it mean I have to travel to another Practice to see my GP?**

No. But you may choose to do so.

**Will I still see the same staff?**

Yes. All staff will be working at their current practice. You will see the same familiar receptionists and the same doctors and nurses.

**Will it be harder to get an appointment?**

No. There will still be the same number of doctor and nurse appointments available to patients. We are not reducing the number of any appointments.

Yours sincerely

Dr Dorothy Thomas Dr Ting-yiu Wong

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