

News release

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CCG working with practice to maintain GP services

West Leicestershire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) is leading the process to ensure that GP services are maintained in The Centre Surgery in Hinckley, following communication from the current contract holders that they will end their contract to provide GP care in April 2017.

The Centre Surgery, which was awarded an overall 'good' rating by the Care Quality Commission in July this year, will remain open as usual and patients will be able to continue to receive the care they need from existing staff.

Dr Solanki and Dr Bagga, who hold the contract to provide medical service at The Centre Surgery have decided to leave the practice to pursue other opportunities from April 2017.

West Leicestershire CCG would like to reassure the 5,500 plus patients registered at the practice that they do not need to worry as services will continue to be provided by the practice as normal.

In order to maintain services for patients in the long term, after April, the CCG is now looking at the different options available to them in these circumstances, which could include the introduction of a procurement exercise which is the formal process for finding a new provider of primary medical care services.

Angela Bright, Chief Operating Officer, West Leicestershire CCG said: "It is really important that patients know that they can continue to use the practice as normal. This is a highly regarded practice that has delivered high quality care for its' patients and it will continue to do so in the immediate future. Whatever option we take as a CCG in the long term, will be taken in the best interests of patients registered at the practice.

"To do this we will be inviting all patients to get involved in the discussions and the decisions about the long-term future of the practice, so that we really understand what matters most to them."

The CCG has written to all patients to let them know what the situation is and to reassure them of the continuation of services. If patients have any questions or are worried they should call the NHS Customer Contact Centre on 0300 311 2233 or email england.contactus@nhs.uk.

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Notes for editors:

West Leicestershire Clinical Commissioning Group was formed as part of the changes proposed to the NHS under the Health and Social Care Act 2012. West Leicestershire Clinical Commissioning Group represents 50 GP practices and covers Hinckley and Bosworth, North Charnwood, North West Leicestershire and South Charnwood, where it buys in many of the local health services. It was granted authorisation to act as an official NHS body from 1 April 2013, when primary care trusts were abolished. CCGs plan and purchase acute and community hospital care along with mental health care. Under the same reforms, “NHS England” the new name for the NHS Commissioning Board, purchases GP services, pharmacies, dentists, opticians and all specialised commissioning services.