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Timeline agreed for changes to practice membership at Octagon Medical Practice

Dear colleague

We are writing to update you regarding the timelines for the creation of the new practice groupings at Octagon Medical Practice. In our previous briefings we explained that Octagon Medical Practice had agreed to review their membership and wanted to reconfigure themselves into smaller groups. The planned changes to membership will take place over the next few months.

Timelines agreed

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and NHS England and NHS Improvement (NHSE&I) have been supporting the project planning to ensure that there is a smooth transition.

In our previous briefing, we gave an indicative timeline for the creation of the new practice groupings. Due to the complexity of some of the administrative and contractual issues we have extended the timeline for the changes to be made. The agreed timeline that all partners are now working to is below:

Practice grouping	Date
Hodgson Medical Centre & Nene Valley Medical Practice	1st November 2021
Bretton Medical Practice	1st December 2021
Park Medical Centre	1st December 2021
Thomas Walker Surgery & Westgate Surgery	1st January 2022
Thorney and Eye Medical Practice & Jenner Healthcare	1st January 2022

None of the current surgery sites will close as part of this process and patients will continue to have access to NHS services from their practice as they do currently.

As part of the transition process we will be writing to patients at each of the surgery sites, once each practice grouping has been set up, to confirm that their GP records have been updated to reflect the new arrangements.

Further updates will be published on Octagon Medical Practice's website where we will also publish a set of Frequently Asked Questions for patients. Patients should rest assured that these are administrative changes, and not about changes to patient services.

About these briefings

We will continue to share updates with patient groups and stakeholders during the transition. If you would like to share this briefing with any other groups or individuals please do so. If you would like to be added to the distribution list or if you have any questions please email us at capccg.contact@nhs.net

Further support

If you would like to share your experience of local health services you can contact Healthwatch Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. Healthwatch is an independent organisation that supports people to have a say when decisions are made about their healthcare services. You can find more information on their websites:

<https://www.healthwatchcambridgeshire.co.uk/> or
<https://www.healthwatchpeterborough.co.uk>