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Dear Sir/Madam

Important information – Saltaire Medical Practice and Windhill Green Medical Practice – “The Saltaire and Windhill Medical Partnership”

We are writing to everyone registered at Saltaire Medical Practice and Windhill Green Medical Practice and their branch surgeries at Cliffe Avenue and Cottingley to inform you that we will become one practice on 1st July 2019. As far as possible, please ensure that everyone in your house is aware of the changes outlined in this letter.

Having worked together successfully for a number of years, our GP partners now wish to become one practice. This will improve and future-proof safe, effective and sustainable primary care for local people. Both practices share a background of practicing high quality, patient-centred care supported by a hard-working and dedicated team. We are excited to have the opportunity of working together to become even stronger as a wider team.

We will maintain our current surgery buildings and patients will retain the same named GP. The name of the practice will change to The Saltaire and Windhill Medical Partnership.

We are holding a meeting for patients at both practices at Shipley Library on **Tuesday 11th June 2019 commencing at 7pm** to tell you more about our plans. In the meantime the following information will help explain why we have made this decision.

Why are the GP partnerships merging?

Dr Richard Haddad, GP partner at Saltaire Medical Practice said: *“This is a positive decision. Our practices have a long history of working together and this is the logical next step to ensure future viability and to protect and enhance patient services. There have been several retirements at both practices and we chose this opportunity*

to make both practices strong and successful for the delivery of general practice for decades to come.

Dr Steve Chadwick, GP partner at Windhill Green Medical Practice said: *“We know from experience that we have like-minded values and share the same ethos and vision for patient services. Our practices have a history of providing high quality patient care and our aim is to continue and enhance the delivery of this to our patients. Both practices have a strong reputation in training and we all believe in educating and empowering our next generation of doctors and nurses”.*

Catherine Smith, business manager said: *“As a whole team there will be more opportunity to be forward thinking and innovative to ensure we deliver a high quality of care responsive to the needs of our practice population and staff. This merger will enable the practices to develop a more sustainable future, investing in new staff, facilities and equipment for our patients”.*

How can I find out more?

As well as our patient engagement event on Tuesday 11th June at Shipley Library, our Patient Participation Group and staff members will be available at various times at all our sites from the week commencing 10th June 2019 to answer any queries you may have. Please look out for notification of these timings on posters and on our websites.

Will I still see the same GP?

You will continue to see the same GPs in the same locations and receive the same high standards of care.

How will I make an appointment?

You will continue to book online, call your practice reception (using the same telephone number you have always done) or visit in person as you do now. In the future we will be adding e-consultations and other services to make this easier for you.

What about my data? Is it safe?

Yes. We will continue to protect your personal information in accordance with regulations. Your medical record will continue to be held in the same secure clinical system and only those individuals who have a valid need to access your record will do so.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Wendy Tonks, Dr Asma Faruque, Dr Richard Haddad, Dr Laura Watson
and Dr Philippa Smith

Dr Colin Passant, Dr Stephen Chadwick, Dr Abigail Winter, Dr Michelle Eldridge,
Dr James Nelson, Dr Mike Smye and Dr Katy Beck

Partners of Saltaire Medical Practice and Windhill Green Medical Practice