

Denburn Medical Practice – Future Relocation

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NHS Grampian and Denburn Medical Practice have been looking for new premises for the practice for a number of years. Over the last few years we have been looking for an inner city site to relocate to. To date, we have not been able to identify a suitable inner city site and we have therefore had to widen our search to look at sites across the city, taking into account where the practice population lives.

What work has happened so far?

An option appraisal workshop was held in August 2012. An option appraisal is a process that is often used when looking at different ways to provide health services. It allows a wide number of views to be considered and allows early stage options to be created. Since the workshop, a project team has been set up to progress this work. Patient, public and practice representatives were and will continue to be involved in both the option appraisal workshop and the project team.

Why does the practice have to move?

The design of Denburn Health Centre is no longer fit for purpose, and unfortunately the structure of the building is not suitable for redevelopment. We need to look for new premises to ensure that the right services can be delivered to patients in modern and comfortable surroundings. New premises could also offer considerable potential to improve and possibly expand the range of services we provide to patients.

When will this happen?

We hope that Denburn Medical Practice will relocate in the next 2-3 years.

Is Denburn Health Centre closing?

Denburn Health Centre is still structurally safe and this is reviewed on a regular basis. However, it is a priority for NHS Grampian to identify efficient, fit for purpose accommodation for the practice for the long term. Once new premises are found for all of the services based in Denburn Health Centre it will close.

The other services (for example, Podiatry, Dental and Sexual Health Services) currently based in Denburn Health Centre will move to the Health and Care Village in December 2013. This new development is being built on Frederick Street in Aberdeen. The Health Village is a diagnostic and treatment centre for the people of Aberdeen and is often referred to as an urban community hospital without beds. Denburn Medical Practice will stay in Denburn Health Centre until a new site can be identified.

What will happen to the car park and the site once the practice has moved?

The car park will remain on the site. The Council and NHS Grampian are finalising details of what could be on the site in future through the creation of a masterplan and the need for parking in the area is recognised.

How do I give my views?

An open meeting will be organised later in the year for patients and the local community to hear about plans, to ask any questions and to give their views. A new development will take time and NHS Grampian is committed to informing and consulting with the local population at key stages in this project.

What does this mean for me?

We wish to reassure you that you do not need to do anything at this stage and you will continue to receive services from Denburn Medical Practice. We need to make sure we consider all options and identify the most suitable site that will give enough space to provide all of the services that the practice would like to provide to patients and make sure the site is accessible by foot, car and public transport.

Questions?

We will keep you up to date as the project progresses but, in the meantime, if you have any other questions, please speak to your practice manager.

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