

New Surgery Building - Update and start of Consultation

As previously reported in our bulletin newsletters and on the surgery website, work continues on our new premises project. We're pleased to say we have an opportunity to buy a piece of land behind the Gloucestershire County Council's Aston Road development. This is the first time since we started looking for new premises in 2009 that we have both a potential site and prioritisation for NHS funding. This will allow us to develop a new, purpose-built surgery to replace our existing premises.

The new surgery will have more space and modern facilities to help us improve access and provide a wider range of services for our growing patient list. It will also allow us to work more closely with other providers such as community services and mental health teams to offer more joined-up care.

Plans are in the early stages and remain subject to consultation and NHS approvals. At the beginning of April we held our first consultation event with Staff and our Patient Participation Group (PPG). We introduced our chosen developer, Assura, who presented various plans and ideas for initial feedback. Thank you to all those who gave their time to attend and offer their thoughts. Our next step is to incorporate feedback from this event and to offer a more formal proposal for feedback from our wider patient group and local residents.

In the meantime, we continue ask patients to complete a short survey to help us understand the impact of proposals on our patients. This is available on the link below, in the practice, or on our website.

<https://forms.office.com/r/Mz4MTTAg4s>

We continue to assess our options, develop plans and progress the NHS approval processes. We look forward to sharing latter versions of our plans with you in due course via a new dedicated website (details to follow) and in practice.

Repeat medication

Due to ongoing delivery and stock issues from the pharmaceutical suppliers and to ensure your prescriptions are dealt with by your own GP, could we request that patients order medication at least 4 working days before collecting. Campden pharmacy have also requested this time frame. This helps with continuity of care and ensures patients are ordering well before running out of medication in case of supply issues.

Staff changes

As mentioned last month, we have started a new system for GP personalised lists. Each patient has a named GP by which much of their care will be provided. More information is available on the surgery website.