

Ratho Surgery update 10 April 2015

NHS Lothian staff have been working closely with the practice over recent months to resolve the various issues and pressures that staff and patients have been experiencing. We recognise the anxiety, uncertainty and insecurity that disruption like this causes for patients and are working hard to ensure that the community has access to consistent primary care cover.

Since our last briefing we have provided GP cover all day on Mondays and Wednesdays, and had at least one session on the other three days. All repeat prescriptions and housecalls have also been dealt with.

The majority of these sessions have been covered by the part-time GP who works for the practice and has been helping as much as possible. This GP will be on holiday for the coming week and despite our best efforts, we have so far been unable to secure locum cover.

The arrangements we have in place at the moment to ensure all urgent and emergency patients can be seen are:

Monday	Victoria Practice offering emergency and triage cover all day. No Nurse cover.
Tuesday	Locum cover in morning, Nurse cover in morning. Victoria Practice in afternoon.
Wednesday	Victoria Practice offering emergency and triage cover all day. No Nurse cover.
Thursday	Locum cover in morning. Victoria Practice in afternoon. No Nurse cover.
Friday	Victoria Practice offering emergency and triage cover all day. No Nurse cover.

As of Monday 11 May 2015 a long term female locum GP will provide cover on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

The previous full time GP has resigned from the post and we will be advertising the post to secure a permanent replacement for in the near future. In addition, the planning application for the new surgery building has now been lodged with the City of Edinburgh Council.

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