



**Bedfordshire  
Clinical Commissioning Group  
NHS England**

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**STAKEHOLDER BRIEFING: THE VILLAGE MEDICAL CENTRE, GREAT DENHAM**

The GP partners of The Village Medical Centre have notified us that they will be resigning their contract to provide GP services at the practice from 31 July 2016.

We are writing to patients by first class post today to inform them that NHS England, working with Bedfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group, is putting in place a new provider, Horizon Health Choices, to run the practice from 1 August, with the intention of retaining the existing staff. This means the surgery will remain open throughout and patients will be able to continue to access services without any interruption.

Horizon Health Choices is an independent healthcare provider which was founded by a group of 24 GP practices in Bedford in 2006. The GP practices are the shareholders and directors, and the limited company now has membership from 53 GP surgeries across Bedfordshire.

We expect this arrangement to be in place for up to a year. During this time, we will make contact with patients and stakeholders so that they can help us develop our plans for GP services in the area in the longer term.

Patients of The Village Medical Centre are being advised that they do not need to do anything differently for now, because the surgery remains open and they still have access to a GP there. They have also been told that any patient who would like to consider registering with an alternative practice in the area can find information on local GP practices and the services they offer at [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk).

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