

Change to delivery of GP services

As you may already be aware, the three GP partners at Nicol Street Surgery are due to retire after a total of 93 years of combined service to the community. The partners at Nicol Street Surgery have tried hard to find a sustainable plan for the future. NHS Fife and Fife Health and Social Care Partnership have been working closely with Nicol Street Surgery and neighbouring practices to deliver primary care services in a new way for the local patient community. This new approach will see two practices come together, with patients currently registered with Nicol Street Surgery forming part of a newly expanded practice at Path House Surgery from 31 July 2023.

Next steps

We would like to reassure you that all the necessary steps are being taken to ensure you have continued and uninterrupted access to local medical services, so you are able to see the right person, at the right time as these changes are carried out.

The team at Path House look forward to continuing to provide you, and all their current patients, with the high level of services you expect, as well as welcoming the new patients from Nicol Street Surgery too.

We have also brought together information onto our website to answer other questions you might have about the changes which you will find at www.nhsfife.org/pathhouse

An enhanced team

As well as additional members of experienced administrative and reception staff who will move from Nicol Street Surgery, one of the GPs from Nicol Street Surgery will work at Path House Surgery on a part-time basis to help provide continuity for patients. In addition, Path House Surgery will offer other enhanced services, thanks to a larger multi-disciplinary team.

This will include:

Additional new GP's, creating a fully staffed team of ten GP's,
A fully expanded team Advance Nurse Practitioners (ANP's),
Treatment room nurses and specialist chronic disease nurses,
Primary care mental health worker support,
Pharmacy team,
District nursing team and health visiting team.



The new team will also work alongside the experienced GP's at Path House to continue delivering services including contraceptive services, minor surgery, and joint injections.

Plans for the buildings

The new approach will also see both buildings retained, with plans still being developed on the ways in which Nicol Street Surgery building will continue to be used to deliver safe and accessible patient care. Plans have also been lodged with Fife Council to apply for planning consent to increase space within Path House Surgery to accommodate the additional patients from Nicol Street Surgery.

We realise that the news of these changes might cause you to worry, but we want you to know we are working at pace with both practice teams to ensure a seamless transition for you and we again reassure you that NHS Fife and Fife Health and Social Care Partnership will ensure you have continued access to safe primary care medical services.

There is a huge amount of work progressing in the background at the moment to make these plans a reality and we will also write to you again in the coming months to provide more detail and as all of these plans progress.

In the meantime, as we mentioned above, further information is available on our website at www.nhsfife.org/pathhouse

Yours sincerely



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