

Surgery Merger Proposal

Mendip Vale Medical Practice and Sunnyside Surgery are delighted to announce that work is being undertaken to look at a potential merger.

Why are we looking at merging?

The demands and pressures on GP practices are continuing to increase, and we are reviewing how we best adapt to meet the needs of our patients. Working together as a larger group will put us in a more sustainable position to deliver safe and effective care. Both Practices have worked together on new and innovative ways in delivering patient focused care, for example last year we were the first surgeries in North Somerset to provide the One Care Improved Access appointments on Saturdays.

The surgeries have a shared belief in making a continued positive difference for patients, and feel it is the right time to combine efforts and build upon the successes to date. There is a common goal in wanting to provide the best possible service for our patients and ensuring their healthcare needs are met.

What are the benefits?

More choice for our patients - We want to be able to offer the choice of which surgery patients are seen at. This will make it easier for patients to select an appointment time and location that is the most convenient.

More services for our patients - Both surgeries offer a wide range of additional services, including ECG's, stop smoking clinics and more - which are available to all our patients. In addition, Mendip vale offer a nurse led coil fitting service and have Clinical Pharmacists, which following the merger will be available to all our patients.

More GPs and Nurses skills will be available to all our collective patients - Our GP and Nursing teams have specialist interests and additional skills, working together will again enable us to offer a wider service to all our patients. Having larger multi-disciplinary teams (groups of staff from several different professional backgrounds who have different areas of expertise) will help us provide services that are robust and sustainable for our patients.

What happens now?

It is business as usual for our patients. All our patients from both surgeries will continue to access our services in exactly the same way as they do now. You will continue to ring the same telephone numbers, see and speak to the same receptionists, GPs and Nursing staff, and attend the same practice that you have always attended. Nothing will change.

Over the coming months we will be identifying areas across both surgeries that could be improved to benefit our patients. There will be regular updates, and we will let you know if and when changes may be made. We will be actively working with our practice patient groups to help support these changes to ensure they meet the needs of all our patients.

From the GP Partners of Sunnyside Surgery and Mendip Vale Medical Group