

ALBION STREET GROUP PRACTICE
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Important information for patients – Possible Merger with Surrey Docks Health Centre

At Albion Street Group Practice we are extremely proud of the services we provide to local people and we want to ensure they are consistently delivered to the highest possible standards.

Like many practices up and down the country, we are constantly looking for ways to improve the services we offer to our patients. We also know that the needs of local people are changing and that we need to change in order to deliver high quality care in the long-term.

Recently we have been talking with our neighbouring practice on the Rotherhithe peninsula, Surrey Docks Medical Health Centre, to look at different ways of working together to improve the services we offer to our patients. We are also looking at how we can remain a sustainable and thriving practice in an increasingly challenging environment.

As a result, we are considering merging our two practices. We think we could bring the practices together over the next 12 months into a single organisation, as one partnership.

What this means for patients

By joining our practices together we believe there would be a number of benefits to registered patients, including:

- Better range, quality and accessibility of our services
- Shared skills and expertise of staff from both practices
- Better use of our resources making sure we can continue to offer the same high quality care in the future as our local population continues to grow
- Making sure patients can continue to get same day appointments for urgent health needs
- Maintaining a personal service so patients who want to book ahead to see their usual doctor can continue to do so

At the moment we are working up our proposals to merge our two practices and are very keen to hear the views of our patients to shape proposals and understand any issues or concerns you may have.

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We are also discussing these proposals with our patient participation group (PPG) and our next meeting will be held jointly with Surrey Docks Health Centre patients on **Thursday 28th July; Venue: Time and Talents The Old Mortuary, St Marychurch Street, Rotherhithe SE16 4JE Time: 7pm.** Should you not be able to attend but would like to ask a question please email the PPG directly. All feedback will be updated via both surgery websites.

www.albionstreetgrouppractice.co.uk ; www.surreydockshc.co.uk



Patient Participation Group

The PPG aims to be representative of our patient population and give constructive feedback to the practice on developing and improving services to patients. The group can be contacted directly

souccg.AlbionstreetPPG@nhs.net. PPG Meetings will be held at the surgery on Wednesday 24th August and Wednesday 26th October 2016.

Minutes of previous meetings can be viewed at www.albionstreetgrouppractice.co.uk



Named GP:

All patients have been allocated a named doctor. If you are not sure who this is, please contact reception outside of triage times (08:30am-10am and 15:00-16:00pm). This does not mean you have to see this doctor; you are free to see whichever doctor you choose providing they have available appointments.

Useful Contact Nos:
Albion Street Group Practice:
02030497120

SELDOC
Out of Hours:
02086939066

We will be closed on the following Thursdays for staff training between 1-3pm
21st July,
18th August
and
15th September



We are delighted to welcome Joy, our practice nurse back and pleased to announce our Travel Clinics are once again up and running. Please ask reception