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Date: 6 January 2025

Dear Household,

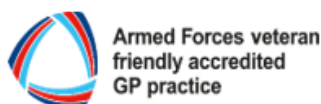
Transfer of services from Swillington Health Practice

I am writing to you on behalf of the Partners at Oulton Medical Centre to inform you that we have applied to NHS West Yorkshire Integrated Care Board to transfer services currently provided at Swillington Health Practice to our two other sites, which would result in the closure of the Swillington branch. We would like to hear your views about this proposed change. We would be grateful if you could share this information with other members of your household.

Oulton Medical Centre is made up of three surgeries – our main site at Oulton Medical Centre, and two branch surgeries: Marsh Street Surgery in Rothwell, and Swillington Health Practice.

West Yorkshire Integrated Care Board, which organises the delivery of NHS services in the Leeds area (the ICB in Leeds), have accepted a request from the practice to engage with our registered patients about plans to transfer the services currently running at Swillington Health Practice to our other two sites.

Patients living in the Swillington area have, since early 2020, been travelling to one of our other sites for GP appointments. Patients who are housebound have been receiving, and will continue to receive, home visits and will be unaffected by the change.



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The main change will be to the services still running at Swillington Health Practice; nursing, midwifery and physiotherapy appointments. It would be our intention that after the end of July 2025, Swillington Health Practice will be closed, and these sessions will be relocated to Oulton Medical Centre and our branch site at Marsh Street Surgery. There will be no reduction in patient services resulting from the branch closure, and we want to ensure that no-one is disadvantaged by these services moving to other premises.

We are keen to hear your views and listen to any questions or concerns you may have about the relocation of these services.

The reasons for the change

Oulton Medical Centre, including the Marsh Street Surgery, took over Swillington Health Practice in November 2018. Since we acquired the premises, the costs associated with leasing the building have unfortunately continued to increase significantly.

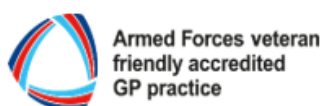
Numerous meetings and conversations with the ICB in Leeds and with the National Health Service Property Services (NHSPS) have taken place since we started leasing the site but have regrettably failed to result in a solution. The practice has been struggling to manage the rising costs associated with Swillington Health Practice, and those costs have now become financially unsustainable.

Due to financial uncertainty surrounding the site, and the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, there has been no GP based at Swillington since early 2020. However, the practice has continued to offer nursing, physiotherapy, and midwifery sessions from the premises.

What happens now?

All patients will continue to be registered with Oulton Medical Centre and there will be no need to change doctors or move to a different practice, unless this is something that you wish to do. Your medical records will continue to be held by Oulton Medical Centre and you will be able to continue seeing a GP there or at Marsh Street Surgery.

We want to reassure you that patient care remains our highest priority. Although these services will be changing location, your GP service options will remain the same.



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For now, all services at Swillington Health Practice will continue as usual. The next steps are, following the engagement, an engagement report will be submitted to the ICB in March 2025 to be considered and if accepted, we anticipate that the transition of services will be completed by 31 July 2025. We will keep you updated every step of the way to ensure the process is as smooth as possible.

Find out more and share your views on our planned change:

We are running a public engagement to hear your views about this change, to address any queries you may have and any issues that might arise as a result.

There are several ways you can get involved and have your say:

The public engagement survey will open on **Monday 6 January and will run until 14 February 2025.**

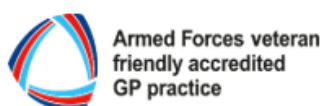
- 1. To fill in our online survey – please visit our website www.oultonmedicalcentre.co.uk go the “latest news” section on our homepage – Swillington Health Practice.**

Don't worry if you aren't able to access the survey online – paper copies will be available at our three sites. We can also provide the survey in alternative formats on request (such as alternative languages or easy read).

The survey will be open until 14 February 2025, after which time a short engagement report will be written, collecting all the feedback from the survey and the meetings, and will be published on the practice website. A copy of the engagement report will also be shared with the ICB as part of the decision-making process.

A copy of our engagement plan and a FAQ sheet (Frequently Asked Questions) about the proposal are available on our website at www.oultonmedicalcentre.co.uk – again click on “latest news” - Swillington Health Practice on our homepage.

If you require a paper copy of any of these documents, please contact us by email at oultonmedicalcentre@nhs.net



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2. Come to one of our public engagement meetings:

- **Monday 13 January 4:30-5:30pm at Swillington Parish Hall**
- **Tuesday 14 January 4:30-5:30pm at Oulton Medical Centre**

We will also be holding an online public meeting to give our patients the opportunity to discuss this proposed change with representatives from the practice and the ICB in Leeds.

The public meeting will be held, using the online Microsoft Teams meeting platform, on:

- **Thursday 16 January 9:00-10:00am**

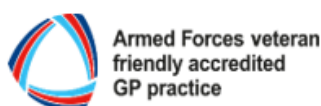
If you would like to attend this meeting, please head to our website (oultonmedicalcentre.co.uk) and see our “latest news” section – Swillington Health practice for the link to join.

If you cannot attend any of the meetings but would like your feedback, comments, or questions to be included, please email them to us at oultonmedicalcentre@nhs.net

We will aim to answer these at the online event and / or in our FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) on our website oultonmedicalcentre.co.uk – “latest news” – Swillington Health Practice.

Yours faithfully

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