

RE: Premises strategy and location in Lowdham Village.

Dear Patients,

Through our updates on practice premises and the need to develop better facilities which enable improved services for our patients, some of our patients have requested an update on whether there will be a new site in Lowdham. We would like to thank all our patients for the engagement and feedback we have received, we are humbled by the support.

Our Lowdham branch was very important to us and very much appreciated by patients who struggled with transport between the villages. It was a great sadness to have to step back. In 2015 we had approval for a new branch surgery in Lowdham, but that approval was cancelled when it wasn't supported. We have always valued our presence in the Lowdham village, and I have undertaken my clinical sessions located there since 2006.

Our current situation is that our buildings in Burton Joyce are not big enough for our team and so Assura will be working with us on new proposals for the local NHS (ICB) to review and consider for approval. Assura are an NHS premises developer and must present a business case that meets value for money and access to the ICB for approval. Unfortunately, the ICB will not approve a business case with multiple sites and will want the location to cover the practice geographical area, with this in mind a new site in Lowdham sadly will not fit this requirement.

We have been working on alternative ways to provide outreach in Lowdham and we are currently working with Girish from Lowdham Pharmacy, to try and develop clinics that could be placed at the pharmacy. We will hope to update you on further plans in this regard as soon as we are able.

Thank you for all your ongoing support.

Kind Regards,

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