

Highley Medical Practice Update to HASC 27.3.23

Stage 1 – Procurement of a replacement GP Provider

- The existing GP Partnership at Highley Medical Centre gave formal notice to the ICB to end their GP contract by 1 April 2023. This was announced publicly in November 2022. The ICB is committed to maintain GP services in Highley and the procurement of a replacement provider will be complete by 23rd March 2023 at which point the successful bidder will be announced
- The current GP provider has agreed to continue service provision until the end of June 2023 to enable the new provider sufficient time to safely plan for and mobilise. This has been communicated to patients via a number of routes other than the practice and we thank the parish councillors for their support with this
- In the short to medium term, the new service provider will continue to deliver services from the current practice premises

Stage 2 – Integrated Health and Wellbeing Hub development in the Severn Centre

- Following the production of the Locality Joint Strategic Needs Assessment, a collaboration between Shropshire Council, the Primary Care Network (PCN), ICB, Halo Leisure and other stakeholders including the Town Council, is prioritising access to General Practice services and other health and wellbeing services for Highley patients and residents. The primary focus of this work is to secure an option that sustains Primary Care provision and increased opportunity for wellbeing in the parish.
- An exciting opportunity is being explored, with partners, to locate services to the Severn Centre in Highley to create an integrated health and wellbeing centre. A business case is in development through a multi-stakeholder project group including the Local Authority, Integrated Care Board, Primary Care Network, Parish Councillors and Halo Leisure.
- Engagement events with the local community were held in February and further events are planned in May.

