

Changes to primary medical care and community health services in Lyme Regis

Towards the end of 2018 we (NHS Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group) held an event to inform people living in and around Lyme Regis about changes to primary medical care and community health services in Lyme Regis Medical Centre (LRMC).

We recognise that a number of people were expecting an update sooner in the year and would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone for their patience.

Primary Medical Services

From 1st June 2019 the Lyme Regis Medical Centre and the Lyme Bay Medical Practice will join together as a single Practice, led by Dr Forbes Watson. The intention is for GP and nurse services currently provided at LRMC to continue, in the same building. The only difference will be that, instead of being employees of Virgin Care, the doctors and nurses will be employed directly by this single local Practice, while the two separate patient lists will become one list registered with this Practice.

NHS Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group, Virgin Care and Dr Watson are working closely to ensure a seamless coming together of services. Staff across LRMC and Lyme Bay Medical Centre will now be working together to shape services going forward following a LRMC staff event on 5th March 2019.

Plans are progressing well and we are confident that this will result in a smooth transition for patient care.

Community Services

The Community Services provided to patients at both the present Lyme Practices and the Charmouth Practice have been put out to tender by the Clinical Commissioning Group. We are at the final stages of the procurement process and hope to announce the new provider in early April.

The new provider will continue to deliver community services out of LRMC and we believe services will be strengthened with both the Community and General Practice working closely to meet the needs of the local population.

Information session

There will be an information session, open to all patients registered at either of the Lyme Regis Practices or at Charmouth Medical Practice. This will take place on Tuesday 9 April 2019 at Woodmead Halls, Hill Rd, Lyme Regis from 14:00-18:30 where there will be an opportunity to hear updates and meet both the Community and Primary Care representatives and ask questions. There is no need to book - just turn up on the day.

We look forward to seeing you there.