

# NEWSFLASH!

## Fleet Medical Centre and Branksomewood Healthcare Centre

May 2022



It is with excitement that Fleet Medical Centre and Branksomewood Healthcare Centre proudly announce that they will be merging as of 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023.

It is a big piece of work to merge our 2 practices and we are keen to do this to protect and preserve the provision of healthcare services in this part of Fleet by creating stability, recruitment and training options for the future. We already work closely together as member practices of Fleet Primary Care Network and we have good relationships with the

other 2 local surgeries -Richmond Surgery and Crondall New Surgery- who are supportive of our merger.

### **The reasons for merger are complex but include the following issues:**

1) Some of the Branksomewood partners will be stepping down from partnership for various personal reasons- this would mean that the partnership would be too small and the workload too onerous for the remaining partners to continue successfully.

**FEAR NOT-** the GP's you are familiar with, will be staying on as part of our team, just not as partners.

2) Where GP practices have been taken over by non-NHS Corporations, it has often caused a destabilising effect on local services with job losses and patient dissatisfaction.

**WE WANTED TO AVOID THIS FOR OUR COMMUNITY- THE PRACTICES WILL CONTINUE TO BE RUN BY LOCAL GP'S WHO KNOW OUR COMMUNITY WELL.**

3) Merger offers an opportunity for changing the way we run services and to deliver additional models of care over our 2 purpose built premises. We will be working with our teams, our patients, community representatives and North East Hampshire and Farnham CCG to ensure we offer the best possible healthcare options to our patients with the facilities and funding available to us.

4) A merger allows us to protect the jobs of our staff and remain a successful and significant employer within our community.

5) Merging allows the newly amalgamated partnership to protect the Branksomewood Road site by taking responsibility for the lease renewal in 2023- this site is vital to provision of local healthcare and is a resource our community cannot afford to lose.

We hope you can appreciate the benefits of the merger between our 2 surgeries. Whilst change brings uncertainty to us all, rest assured that the GP partners and the teams of both sites will work very hard to ensure this process goes ahead as smoothly as possible with the least disruption to patients and services. We hope to keep in contact with our patients and to **HEAR YOUR VOICES** through our Patient Participation Groups and surveys that will be forthcoming over the coming months.

Please do help us to get this right for you!



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*With kind regards*

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