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**Briefing paper: Change to Service Provider
Littleover Medical Centre
and
Dale Medical Centre**

PURPOSE OF THE PAPER

The purpose of this briefing paper is to ensure that the Overview & Scrutiny Committee are fully updated on the planning for a change of service provision, in response to the notification of resignation from Drs K and P Patel at Littleover Medical Centre, 640 Burton Road Derby and Drs S and R Sen at Dale Medical Centre, Upper Dale Road Derby.

BACKGROUND

Derby City Primary Care Trust has received formal notice from the Drs Patel that they wish to resign from their GMS contract with effect from 31st December 2008. The Drs Sen have given notice of their intention to retire with effect from 31st March 2009.

Following a robust option appraisal the Trust Board have given approval to commence a robust procurement process. For both practices the PCT has commenced a consultation period with all registered patients, local providers and other interested stakeholders. The issues and outcomes from this consultation will be considered when drawing up the final service specifications. In the interim period and to meet the necessary timescales the PCT will be advertising for expressions of interest in delivery of Primary Care Medical Service to both registered lists.

The final specifications will ensure procurement of quality services to the patients already registered with both Littleover Medical Centre and Dale Medical Centre, provision of additional capacity and extension of hours for service delivery.

The PCT are therefore confident that contract arrangements with new providers will deliver the resources to provide quality services to the current patient lists, additional capacity and flexibility of service access and delivery.

NOTIFICATION TO PATIENTS

The PCT is in the process of informing all registered patients of both Drs Patel and Drs Sens' planned retirements seeking their comments and suggestions. Patients have

been informed that at this time they need take no action. They have been informed that the PCT will communicate again when an appropriate new provider is selected for their practice. At the point the new contract commences currently registered patients of this practice will be informed that they are automatically registered with the new providers the purpose of doing this is to ensure that every patient is able to continually access Primary Care Medical Services. Patients are also advised that they can also exercise their right to change a GP if they so wish

DATE OF SERVICE CHANGE

The date of change of service delivery can not be confirmed until such time a new provider is selected and a contract agreed. However the PCT is aiming to have the new service in place by 1st January to coincide with the Drs Patel's retirement another service in place by 1st April to coincide with the Drs Sens' retirement.

Yours sincerely

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