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**ON PRACTICE LETTER HEAD**

**PLEASE INSERT HOUSEHOLD ADDRESS**

Dear Household,

**Proposed relocation of Rothbury GP practice to Rothbury community hospital**

As you may be aware, the patient population of the practice has expanded over the last few months and years and we are now really struggling with space. Our current GP premises are becoming increasingly unfit for purpose with limited access to ground floor clinical rooms being a constant concern.

Alongside this, the GP practice strives to be able to provide a clinical service from treatment rooms that comply with the best health and safety and infection control regulations. This is proving difficult from a 200 year old listed building that was initially designed for residential use. In addition, there is no reserved car parking available at our current location.

We are proposing to move the practice to Rothbury community hospital; built in 2008 this would provide a purpose built modern environment. The community hospital site has the capacity to accommodate the co-location of the GP surgery and also provides future opportunity for expansion if necessary. All of the clinical space and facilities would be on the ground floor so it is accessible for all.

Our GPs would be co-located with community nurses, physiotherapists, dieticians and other hospital staff which will further improve integration between primary care (the GPs) and secondary care (the hospital).

By developing GP services at the community hospital, our patients would not only have improved accessibility and car parking but they will also receive care in an environment that is fit for purpose.

We are very keen to hear your thoughts on the proposed relocation and you can contact us by email at [NORCCG.RothburyPractice@nhs.net](mailto:NORCCG.RothburyPractice@nhs.net) or in writing for the attention of the practice manager at the above address.

We will be holding drop-in sessions at Jubilee Hall on Friday 11 December (11am to 4pm) and at Rothbury community hospital on Thursday 14 January (4pm to 7pm), where you can let us know your thoughts.

Could you please make sure that everyone in your household that is a patient at the Rothbury practice is aware of the proposed move.

Kind regards

INSERT SIGNATURE

**Trine Bonsnes**  
**Practice Manager**