

## PATIENTS NEWSLETTER – JANUARY 2018

Dear Patient,

Three months ago we began an engagement process with our Patient representatives to outline plans for the merger of four Scarborough general practices.

Prospect Road Surgery

Peasholm Surgery

Falsgrave Surgery

Belgrave Surgery

Each of these practices has been operational for more than 30 years, during which they have served their local community. However, in recent years constrained NHS funding and difficulties in recruiting general practitioners and other clinical staff has made that task more difficult.

In 2016, NHS England published a plan entitled 'GP Forward View', which encourages General Practices to merge and form larger patient lists. These larger practices will, over time, provide patients with improved access and new services, be able to operate back room services more efficiently and offer staff better career opportunities.

The new partnership, which will commence on 1 April 2018, will be known as Central Healthcare. It will have the following partners.

Dr Ronald Diffey MBChB (Prospect Road)

Dr Simona Gheorghiu MD DRCOG (Prospect Road)

Dr Deepankar Datt MBBS MRCGP (Prospect Road)

Dr Faisal Baloch MD MRCGP DPD (Belgrave)

Dr Omnia Hefni MBBCh MRCGP DFFP MSc (Falsgrave)

Dr Ruth Guest MBChB MRCGP (Peasholm)

We anticipate other GP Partners joining the practice, over time. The new Partnership will also employ a number of GPs who will work either full or part-time.

You will be pleased to know that we are retaining all our staff who will be transferred to the new Partnership. We are also recruiting new clinical staff. Some people will be changing roles as we introduce a new management structure and streamline systems and processes.

Initially patients will see little change, as the four practices will continue to operate from their existing premises with current GPs. We will introduce plans to improve chronic disease management, patient access and new services in consultation with your patient representatives.

In March we will be hosting two open events where Patients can meet our GPs and have the opportunity to learn more about the merged practice. We will be providing more information in next month's Patients' Newsletter.

Best wishes

The GP Partners