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Dear Councillor Sykes

Village Medical Practice

As the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) for Oldham, we are responsible for the local contracting arrangements for GP practices in the borough. Services at Village Medical Practice are currently provided on an interim basis by Littletown Family Medical Practice. However, this contract is due to end on 30th September 2016.

There are two options open to the CCG – either re-procurement, with the CCG carrying out a tender exercise to select the best provider to run the service, or list dispersal, whereby patients would be supported to re-register with another local GP practice.

Having examined a wide range of factors including equity and patient choice, local strategy, existing services, primary care pressures, value for money, premises and existing and future population growth, the CCG is minded to **re-procure** the service, meaning it would stay open but possibly with a new service provider.

We are about to write to all patients on the list, setting out the options above, our recommendation to reprocure and asking patients to share their views with us. This can either be done through returning a paper survey to the practice, posting it to the CCG or completing it online. The deadline for comments is **Friday 4th December 2015**.

If you have any views about the future of the practice, I would be grateful if you could communicate these to me by the same deadline, either in writing or to mark.drury@nhs.net. We will review all available feedback and options prior to making a final decision.

Can I stress that the practice will remain open as usual at least until the outcome of this review is known.

Yours sincerely



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