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Dear Cllrs Beaney and Baker

Future of Cogges Surgery

Thank you for your letter dated 30 August relating to the future of Cogges Surgery which summarises the main important points from the meeting of the Councils Economic and Social Overview and Scrutiny Committee. You will be aware that we have established a Cogges reference group with local stakeholders and are pleased to note that West Oxfordshire District Council is represented by Cllr Baker.

I will try and address your specific points:

1. Extension to services – you will be aware that the partners have given the six months required notice to terminate their contract on 31 January 2019. This is in line with the contract requirements. The CCG is currently exploring a local solution which would see an existing practice provide services from Cogges site (as long as the premises are still available). If we are successful in this solution then we would not expect to have any interruption to services provided from Cogges. If we are not successful then it is likely (although not yet agreed) that we would need to undertake a full procurement in order to secure services for Cogges patients. In this instance we would look to put in place an interim provider to continue to provide services for a year from 1 February 2018 to ensure continuity of care for patients whilst we undertake a full procurement process. It is not possible to request the partners continue to provide the services for longer than 6 months unless they wish to volunteer this.
2. Continuity of care – as stated above our preferred option is for an existing practice to provide branch surgery from Cogges site. However this is dependent on the building being available and an Oxfordshire Practice being willing to run a branch surgery.

3. Retaining services on Cogges – we are currently trying to confirm with the property owners if the premises would continue to be available for the provision of primary care services.
4. Communication – As well as the letter to patients the CCG has created a dedicated space on our website for Cogges Surgery. We are endeavouring to provide updates to the frequently asked questions section each week. This page is highlighted on the home page of the OCCG website (www.oxfordshireccg.nhs.uk).
5. Vulnerable patients – I am surprised to hear that there was a concern about vulnerable patients when Deer Park closed. At the time the practice actively identified all vulnerable patients and ensured that they were safely transferred to a new practice. If Cogges Surgery were to close we would expect this process to be followed again.

Many thanks again for your comments.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Julie Dandridge', written in a cursive style.

Julie Dandridge

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