

# Rotherfield Surgery & The Brook Health Centre

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Dear Patient

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You may be aware, of the difficulties and pressure being experienced by general practice, particularly with regard to the recruitment of GPs into the profession. Unfortunately, we have not escaped this difficulty. You may also be aware that for approximately 18 months we have been continuing in our efforts to recruit a GP Partner to join our practice, disappointingly we haven't managed to be successful in our efforts.

We have an excellent team, with wonderful support from our salaried doctors and regular locum GPs. However, there will, at some point in the future be retirement from within our partnership and we are having to consider how we continue to provide the most effective service to all of our patient population.

As a result, we have made the decision to submit a proposal to High Weald Lewes Havens Clinical Commissioning Group to close the Rotherfield Surgery. This is not a decision we have taken lightly but one we feel we must make in order to secure the future of our practice.

A final decision is expected towards the end of this year, and during this time we will continue to provide services at Rotherfield Surgery as shown below:

Monday	*9am – 1.30 pm*
Tuesday	*9am – 1.30 pm*
Wednesday	*9am – 1.30 pm
Thursday	*9am – 1.30 pm
Friday	*9am – 1.30 pm

\*please note the later opening time, will take effect from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November and the earlier closing time, on a Monday & Tuesday will take effect from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2017. Opening times for The Brook Health Centre remain unchanged, with the exception of additionally opening on a Tuesday afternoon from Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2017.

We will be holding a patient engagement meeting on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 1.30pm at Rotherfield Village Hall, where we will be available to answer your questions.

We would be grateful if you could participate in a short survey/questionnaire in order that we can consider the impact this proposal will have on our whole patient population. Please return completed questionnaires to either one of the surgeries by Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

Yours faithfully

Dr JO Davies, Dr MJ Golton & Dr JE Hester  
The Partners of Rotherfield Surgery & The Brook Health Centre

## Rotherfield Surgery & The Brook Health Centre Questionnaire

Do you only attend the Rotherfield Surgery for your GP care? Y/N

Do you mainly attend the Rotherfield Surgery for your GP care? Y/N

Do you occasionally attend the Rotherfield Surgery for your GP care? Y/N

Are you housebound without anyone to take you to The Brook Health Centre for an appointment? Y/N

### If Rotherfield Surgery was to close:

Would you be reliant on public transport to take you to The Brook Health Centre Y/N

Any other comments

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Name & Address (optional)

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## Equality Monitoring Questionnaire

Please provide some information about yourself. This is not compulsory, you can be assured that all the information you do provide will be kept completely confidential. No identifiable information about you will be passed on to any other bodies, members of the public or the media.

Are you? (please tick)

0-15	25-34	45-54	65-74	85+
16-24	35-44	55-64	75-84	Prefer not to say

What is your employment status?

Paid/unpaid work	Self employed	Unemployed	Prefer not to say
Retired	Student	None of the above	Other (please specify)

Do you have long standing illness, disability or infirmity? (long standing means anything that has troubled you over a period of time or that is likely to affect you over a period of time)

Yes	No	Prefer not to say
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Caring Responsibilities: Do you provide unpaid support/care for a family member or friend who needs help with day to day life due to health reasons?

Yes	No	Prefer not to say
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What ethnic group do you feel you belong to?

Asian or Asian British	White	Prefer not to say
Black or Black British	Mixed	Other ethnic group (including Chinese)

What is your sexual identity?

Bisexual	Lesbian	Heterosexual
Gay	Undecided	Prefer not to say

What is your religion or belief?

Baha'l faith	Hindu	Muslim	Prefer not to say
Buddhist	Jain	Sikh	Other (please specify)
Christian	Jewish	None	