

## **Patient Update - future of Cogges Surgery GP practice**

### **Why are things changing at Cogges?**

Dr Sandra Hallett and Dr Amisha Patel have taken the difficult decision to hand back their contract for providing GP services to Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group on 31 January 2019. The practice has already:

- tried to recruit new partner GPs to the practice with no success.
- considered the possibility of merging the practice with a local practice in Witney

**What has OCCG done so far?** We are keen to find a local solution for patients registered at Cogges in order to keep services running from Cogges Surgery, if possible. **We have:**

- written to all practices in Oxfordshire to ask if there is any interest in running a branch surgery at Cogges and have now received more than one expression of interest so we are putting together a selection process for these applications.
- written to the owners of the Cogges building to ask what their plan for the building is after January 2019
- written to all patients aged over 16 who are registered with Cogges Surgery, to inform them of what is happening.
- set up a stakeholder reference group, which includes patients of Cogges Surgery and met with them 7 August 2018.
- provided weekly updates on our website: <http://bit.ly/cogges-updates>

### **What do you need to do?**

**You do not need to do anything at this stage.** The practice will remain open until at least the end of January 2019 and the whole team at Cogges Surgery are continuing to focus on providing the best service to their patients. Patients will be informed in good time if there are new arrangements put in place. **Until then, patients do not need to do anything.** Patients will continue to receive a normal service from Cogges Surgery, this includes appointments and repeat prescriptions.

### **When will we know the future of Cogges Surgery?**

We have written to all Oxfordshire GP practices asking for expressions of interest for running a branch surgery at Cogges and have now received more than one expression of interest so we are putting together a selection process for these applications. It should be known by end of October, early November if a local

solution has been found. **Please check our website for regular updates:**  
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