



## Hopton & Stanton Surgeries



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Press release

### **Stanton and Hopton - the future of primary care services**

Local GPs have pledged their commitment to ensuring good access and safe care for patients served by the Hopton & Stanton GP surgeries, following a review of their future plans.

The Stanton surgery is experiencing higher demand due to an expanding population in the surrounding villages and more complex care required for patients. It means the surgery has outgrown its current premises and needs a solution for its future.

Meanwhile GPs were unexpectedly required to vacate a room at Hopton last year leaving a nurse-led service. They had hoped to continue the service using NHS funds to build a new facility.

Sadly, after exploring all routes, the partners have concluded the only viable way forward is to transfer all Hopton services to Stanton, with a focus on improving its services there to serve all 4900 patients.

The practice is talking to community leaders about what solutions there are to mitigate this change, which will see services stop in Hopton from January 2017.

Dr Nick Redman said: "Over the years our GPs and health care staff have worked really hard for people in the villages in and around Stanton and Hopton. While we are pleased to be working towards providing improved services and facilities in Stanton, we are equally disappointed to have had to make the decision to stop operating services from Hopton.

"After the notice to vacate the premises in Hopton we have made every effort to secure alternative accommodation through the NHS route. Our latest application for funding did not meet NHS England's stringent criteria for cost-effective use of public money, and, having explored these criteria in more detail with the help of NHS England, our sad conclusion is that a new surgery in Hopton will never be able to meet these criteria.

"As a small, rural GP practice, we do not have the financial resources to build two new facilities in both Stanton and Hopton.

"We are sorry that we will have to upset people, however, we will continue to consult with the community and our patients about other options and services that might help mitigate the change. By focusing services in Stanton, we will be able to better serve local people by offering better facilities."

