

Dear Stakeholders

INFORMATION ABOUT FARNHAM MEDICAL CENTRE

I am writing to provide you with an important update regarding Farnham Medical Centre.

You may be aware that Farnham Medical Centre's branch site at Stanhope Parade Health Centre was utilised in the early stages of the COVID-19 pandemic as a hot site (to see potential COVID-19 patients) and a COVID-19 testing site.

As a result, Farnham Medical Centre has been running its GP practice from one site since March 2020 and has been able to continue running its service without reopening the site.

Farnham Medical Centre formally applied to South Tyneside Clinical Commissioning Group, who are responsible for healthcare services in South Tyneside and, following consideration of all of the information presented, it was agreed to formally close the branch surgery at Stanhope Parade Health Centre.

Patients can continue to receive services from Farnham Medical Centre if they wish but will need to be seen at 435 Stanhope Road, South Shields, Tyne and Wear, NE33 4QY, as they have experienced since March 2020. This site is only 0.8 miles from the branch site at Stanhope Parade Health Centre.

However, there are practices within the local area that patients can also approach to register with, and patients have been reminded of their right to do so and provided with some frequently asked questions via the practice website.

Yours sincerely



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