

THE LAURELS UPDATE – SUMMARY FOR OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

The Laurels Health Living Centre is based at St Ann's Rd, Tottenham, virtually opposite St Ann's Hospital. At present two GP Practices operate from the Centre – The Laurels Medical Practice and the Laurels Neighbourhood Practice.

Following the cessation of the Walk in Service and subsequent contractual changes the Bridge House Medical Practice now operate the Laurels Neighbourhood Practice, having been the successful bidder when the revised contract was opened to care-taking arrangements.

The practice has recently notified the PCT that following internal partnership changes, they no longer wish to continue with this contractual arrangement. In light of this, the PCT is now seeking a high performing and committed practice to take over this role for a defined period as a 'caretaker practice', prior to a formal procurement. All Haringey practices have been contacted and invited to submit an expression of interest to run The Laurels Neighbourhood Practice on an interim basis.

A package of support, consisting of an experienced senior GP and additional practice management is being provided to the Bridge House Practice over the next 6 weeks while the new arrangements are enacted. This will help to smooth the transition and ensure that any changes are communicated promptly to staff and patients.

Although there will inevitably be changes to the GP personnel, patients can be assured that there is categorically no intention to change the current terms and provision of services currently being offered at the practice. Patients will be notified shortly about the upcoming changes. Everything will be done to make the transition as seamless as possible.

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