



**Hartlepool and Stockton-on-Tees  
Clinical Commissioning Group**

Billingham Health Centre  
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Dear Stakeholder

**Stockton NHS Health Care Centre, Tithebarn House**

You may recall that we wrote to you previously in March 2017 regarding the future of services at Stockton NHS Health Care Centre following the contract with the previous provider coming to an end on 31 March 2017.

To secure services in the area we invited local practices to apply to provide services at the practice from 01 April 2017 as a branch surgery with opening hours between 08:00 and 18:00, Monday – Friday; unfortunately no applications were received.

The final option was to look for a GP practice that may be willing to run the service as a part-time branch surgery. A temporary contract was agreed with Elm Tree Surgery to provide services at Stockton NHS Health Care from 01 April 2017 to allow time for engagement with patients to gain their views on the times and days that a part-time branch service would best meet their needs.

We have now concluded this process and invited local practices to provide a part-time branch surgery; however unfortunately this has been unsuccessful.

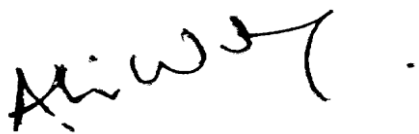
We are therefore in a position whereby the practice at Stockton NHS Health Care Centre will close on 31 October 2017. This means that patients will be required to register with another GP practice. Elm Tree Surgery will continue to provide services at the practice up until the 31 October.

Patients have been informed of the practice closure and a list of local practices currently accepting patients and an information sheet has been included with the letter sent to patients.

If you have any further questions regarding the content of this letter please contact Kelly Wilson, Primary Care Business Manager, NHS England on 01138 247 258.

This information can be made available in different languages and formats on request. Please contact the communications and engagement team on 01642 745401.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ali Wilson', with a flourish at the end and a period.

**Ali Wilson**  
**Chief Officer**  
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