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## **Almondsbury Surgery – Merger with Pilning Surgery**

**14<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

Hanham Health are delighted to confirm that we have accepted an invitation from Montpelier Health to take over the running of Pilning Surgery due to the forthcoming retirement of Dr Tim Mitchell.

The GP Partners, management and staff of Hanham Health, and specifically Almondsbury Surgery, look forward to working with the staff and patients at Pilning Surgery to continue to provide high quality Primary Care services to the local community, whilst also benefitting patients at Almondsbury.

Changes will be kept to a minimum initially and introduced carefully over time in consultation with staff and patients, with a view to improving services through better integration with Almondsbury Surgery.

Over time, this integration will bring a number of improvements including:

- More appointment choice and flexibility for all patients
- Greater continuity for patients as Drs Lockey and Atherton will be available at Almondsbury or Pilning for a greater proportion of the week
- New integrated telephony system between Almondsbury and Pilning Surgeries, increasing functionality and improving capacity and resilience

Whilst work continues to finalise legal and contractual arrangements and the exact date of the handover is still to be confirmed, Hanham Health and Montpelier Health are already working closely to ensure the smooth transition of services, including recruitment of additional staff.

Discussions regarding the transition are already underway with Patient Participation Groups at both surgeries to help ensure there is minimal disruption for patients and we welcome enquiries regarding the merger via email at: [bnssg.almondsburyadmin@nhs.net](mailto:bnssg.almondsburyadmin@nhs.net) for the attention of the Practice Manager.

Further information and updates for patients will be published in due course.

Finally, we would like to pay tribute to Dr Mitchell who has delivered such wonderful service to patients at Pilning Surgery since 2013, and wish him a very happy retirement.

**Dr Jenny Lockey and Dr David Atherton – GP Partners, Almondsbury Surgery**