

For all patients registered at Lewes Road Surgery



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**IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR GP SURGERY
YOU NEED TO TAKE ACTION – PLEASE READ CAREFULLY**

Dear Sir/ Madam,

Re; Closure of Lewes Road Surgery, 188-189 Lewes Road, Brighton, BN2 3LA

It is with regret that we have to confirm that Lewes Road Surgery will close on 31 January 2017.

As explained in our earlier letter to you, Dr Shah asked us just before Christmas to end his contract to run Lewes Road Surgery. He has since stepped down from his role as a GP.

Having given careful consideration to all factors, we have determined that we will need to ask you to register with another local GP practice, in order to guarantee your ongoing care after 31 January 2017.

This letter explains how you can register with another local GP practice and how you can get further help to do this if you need it. We would recommend that you register with another GP practice as soon as possible, to avoid any interruption to your care.

If you have already registered with another local GP practice, before receiving this letter, then you do not need to take any action.

We are working closely with staff from Lewes Road Surgery and other local GP practices to make sure everyone can register with another local GP practice and to support you to do this.

We appreciate this is a difficult situation, but as there is no longer a permanent GP in place to oversee the day-to-day running of Lewes Road Surgery we cannot guarantee you will be able to get any care you need at the surgery and it will have to close on 31 January 2017. The surgery has been using locum GPs to provide some appointments over recent weeks, but this is not a situation that is sustainable and we have to make sure there are secure arrangements in place for your long-term care.

How to register with another local GP practice

The four GP practices listed below have confirmed that they each have space to register a number of new patients at the current time.

Contact details for surrounding GP practices	Information about registering with this GP practice	Postcodes each GP practice boundary covers
<p>St Peter's Medical Centre 30-36 Oxford Street, Brighton, BN1 4LA www.stpetersmedicalcentre.co.uk Tel: 01273 606006</p>	<p>St Peter's Medical Centre is holding an open patient registration session on Saturday 11 February 2017, between 9 am and 1 pm and patients can come along at any time to complete the registration forms and questionnaires. There is no need to bring personal identification, but patients are asked to bring a copy of this letter with them when requesting to register at this practice. It is also important that you bring with you details of any repeat medication you are regularly taking. If you are unable to find these details, please call into Lewes Road Surgery to obtain these details beforehand.</p>	<p>Please note that the practice's boundary does not cover the BN3 area. It extends to Peacock Lane and Surrenden Road to the north (and also extends north to include Ditchling Road up to the junction with Carden Avenue). To the east, our area includes Moulsecomb, parts of Bevendean south of The Avenue, and east Brighton as far as Wilson Avenue. Please note: Coldean, Falmer, Patcham, Woodingdean and parts of Bevendean are not within our area. Further details of our practice area are available from the practice's reception.</p>
<p>Park Crescent Health Centre 1 Lewes Road, Brighton, BN2 3HP www.parkcrescenthealthcentre.nhs.uk Tel: 01273 523623</p>	<p>Patients asking to register at Park Crescent Health Centre will not need personal identification, but the practice requests they bring a copy of this letter with them when applying to register.</p>	<p>The practice covers the following areas: Central Brighton, Hollingdean, Kemptown, Whitehawk, Moulsecomb, Woodingdean.</p>
<p>Pavilion Surgery 2-3 Old Steine, Brighton, BN1 1EJ www.pavilionsurgery.co.uk Tel: 01273 685588</p>	<p>Patients asking to register at Pavilion Surgery are requested to bring a copy of this letter with them and photo identification.</p>	<p>The Brighton area</p>

	<p>It is also important that you bring with you details of any repeat medication you are regularly taking. If you are unable to find these details, please call into Lewes Road Surgery to obtain these details beforehand.</p>	
<p>Ship Street Surgery 65-67 Ship Street, Brighton, BN1 1AE www.shipstreetsurgery.co.uk 01273 778622</p>	<p>Patients are requested to bring this letter with them, or some personal identification when requesting to register with this GP practice. It is important patients also bring details of any repeat medication they are regularly taking. If you are unable to find these details, please call into Lewes Road Surgery to obtain these details beforehand.</p>	<p>This practice's boundary covers areas with postcodes that start with the following characters:</p> <p>BN1 (the fourth postcode digit must then be 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6)</p> <p>BN2 (the fourth postcode digit must then be 0, 1 or 2)</p> <p>BN3 (the fourth postcode digit must then be 1, 2, 3, or 4).</p>

There are also a number of other GP practices in Brighton and Hove with open patient lists and you can find details of the GP practices closest to where you live on the NHS Choices website at www.nhs.uk. You can also call us on 01293 729298, or email england.primarycare.southeast@nhs.net if you need any help finding a new GP practice.

Please note that Ardingly Court Practice and The Broadway Surgery, which both run GP surgeries in Wellsbourne Health Centre in Whitehawk, have said that they are unable to register any new patients at the current time.

Please be assured that there is enough space across all the GP practices in Brighton and Hove to ensure that all Lewes Road Surgery patients will be able to register with a new local GP practice.

If you have any difficulty registering with a new GP practice, or your request to register with a new GP practice is declined by them, please contact us on 01293 729298 so we can help you with this.

To register with a new GP practice you will need to complete the GMS1 registration form that is enclosed with this letter and return it to reception staff at the new practice of your choice. Additional copies of the form will be available from the GP practice of your choice and are also available online at www.nhs.uk/service directories/Documents/GMS1.pdf .

You may be asked to provide some identification when you register with a new GP practice and they will just need to just check that you live within their practice boundary before you can register

with them. Your health records will automatically transfer to your new GP when you register there.



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If you can't immediately register with a new GP practice

If for any reason you can't register with a new GP practice before Lewes Road Surgery closes on 31 January 2017, Brighton Station Health Centre provides a walk-in appointment service for non-registered patients (from 8am to 8pm seven days a week). If you urgently need medical help or advice, but it's not a life-threatening situation, you can also call the NHS 111 service by dialling 111. Local pharmacies can also provide help with minor ailments.

We would, however, urge you to register with a new GP practice as soon as possible, to make sure you can continue to use the full range of GP services. This includes making sure you receive any routine screening tests and vaccinations you need.

I am sorry for any inconvenience the unavoidable closure of Lewes Road Surgery may cause you, but hope you will understand the need for us to ensure your ongoing care.

If you have any queries, or need any help registering with a new GP practice, you can contact us on 01293 729298 or at england.primarycare.southeast@nhs.net

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Sarah Macdonald.'.

Sarah Macdonald
Director of Commissioning

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