Frequently Asked Questions

Why is this happening?

Alford Medical Practice is an independent business owned by a Partnership of GPs, which delivers Primary Health Services to NHS Grampian.

The practice has been unable to recruit to a vacancy for a GP for some time. This is a national issue with many complexities and is not due to lack of funding.

The GPs (who 'own' the practice) have therefore come to the difficult decision to end the contract with NHS Grampian.

When will this happen and what does it mean?

Alford Medical Practice will continue as an independent business until 12th June 2022, at which point it will either come under the management of the Aberdeenshire Health & Social Care Partnership (AHSCP) or a new Partnership of GPs and other professionals.

What does this mean for me?

How you access appointments, along with all other aspects of your care will remain as they currently are.

Do I need to do anything?

No, you do not. The practice will continue to operate as it currently does.

Can I register at a neighbouring Practice?
To ensure stability across all of the Primary Care practices in the area we would ask you to remain registered at your current practice.

Who is responsible for overseeing the process?

The AHSCP is overseen by the Integration Joint Board (IJB). We have formed a Project Group to oversee this process which will report back to the IJB regularly. More information regarding the Integration Joint Board can be found here: http://bit.ly/IntegrationJointBoard

How will I find out more?

We will keep patients and the wider community up-to-date with developments as soon as there is new information.

What if I want to ask a question now?

Please call **03456 081206** or email aberdeenshireHSCP@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

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