

Orford Branch Surgery to Close on a Tuesday and Alderton to Open All Day Tuesday's

As from 1 April 2017 we will be transferring the single GP surgery at the Orford branch on a Tuesday afternoon to Alderton main branch. This will mean Orford Branch will be closed all day Tuesday and Alderton will now be open all day Tuesday with a GP clinic in the Afternoon.

Over the years the demand for appointments, dispensary service and overall intensity has increased at Alderton and Hollesley - which constitutes about 75% of our patient population.

Furthermore, with the cuts to the NHS we need to make changes that will help sustain us in providing a community service across all three sites.

After much consideration therefore, we realise that the demands on our practice to provide more, with less income, and greater demand at the main branch, outweighs the Tuesday afternoon provision which has been by one GP for only 12 patients to be seen.

We will of course ensure that full GP service is offered to all our patients (who are welcome at all three sites of Peninsula Practice), and, where clinically appropriate, will continue to provide home visits.

On a final note we want to reassure you that this is not a precedent for any planned future further closures at the Orford branch. On the contrary, we are determined to protect our village surgeries against the pressures of politics and plan to continue to manage all three sites for the foreseeable future.