

Sadly we are closing March 2021

The future of general practice is moving towards larger practices and networks to improve resilience and support a wider provision of services. It has become increasingly difficult for the partners to sustain a small practice such as Grosvenor Place Surgery, providing personal care for local families.

Over the past few years, we have explored a number of options for the surgery including new partners, merging with other practices and contract take overs, but these have not been successful.

It is with regret you will receive a letter informing you Grosvenor Place Surgery is closing on 31st March 2021.



Why is this happening to our practice?

There has been a growing trend in the closure of small practices. In June 2019 the BMJ reported:

'138 GP surgeries closed their doors for the last time in 2018. Most of the practices affected were small, with lists of fewer than 5000 patients. The direction of travel for general practice seems to be towards even bigger organisations - through networks, super-practices or corporately owned chains.'

Grosvenor Place Surgery is the smallest surgery in Bath, with 3,100 patients. Having exhausted a number of options it is with regret that both doctors will retire from the practice together.

What does this mean for you?

By working with the BSW CCG all our patients living in Bath will be transferred to other practices in Bath before 31st March 2021. The CCG have identified many practices in the area that are able to register our patients.

What do you need to do now?

At this stage you don't need to do anything.

You will receive a letter from the Clinical Commissioning Group, telling you who your new GP practice will be and when your records and information will be transferred to them. Once you have been allocated to a new practice; you can still choose to register at a different practice. There will be time to do that before your records are transferred.

How do we feel?

We are all extremely sad to have to close Grosvenor Place. We are all proud of our practice and the personal care we have given to our patients for 70 years, looking after many generations of local families. It is an honour to have had our role, to be alongside and helping our patients as they live their lives.

We are proud of your feedback you have given in person and via the GP Patient Survey each year, and of course for nominating us for Bath Practice of the year in 2013. In the GP Patient Survey this year 98% of you had confidence and trust in the healthcare professional they saw or spoke to during their most recent GP appointment.

Thank you all very much for being our patients since we both joined Grosvenor Place and on behalf of all our amazing team, who will continue until 31st March, we wish you all a safe onward journey.

Drs Jane Davidson & Nicole Howse

