

Stakeholder briefing: Merger of Horsefair Surgery and Banbury Cross Health Centre GP practices in Banbury

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Following the launch of Banbury Cross Health Centre in September 2019, the new Practice name for the merged Banbury Health Centre and West Bar Surgery, local GP Federation, Principal Medical Ltd (PML), has announced the merger of Horsefair Surgery with Banbury Cross Health Centre.

Banbury Cross Health Centre and Horsefair Surgery are merging to offer a greater range of GP services for Horsefair Surgery patients, while also securing the long term future of the combined practice. Services will operate from the existing sites and current staff will carry on working for the practice, so little will change for most patients.

Patients at Horsefair Surgery have received messages and letters explaining they do not need to take any action as they will be registered automatically with the new merged practice. However, all patients have the option to register with another practice if they wish.

From Tuesday 26 May 2020, the practice will have a single phone number (01295 256261) and one website: www.banburycrosshealthcentre.co.uk

The total number of registered patients at the new Banbury Cross Health Centre is circa 40,000, which consists of 26,000 from Banbury Cross Health Centre and 14,000 from Horsefair Surgery.

PML has been running Banbury Health Centre since 2009 and took over the management of West Bar Surgery in May 2019, and Horsefair Surgery in August 2019 as part of a more sustainable solution for primary care in Banbury

The merger of Banbury Health Centre and Horsefair Surgery was due to take place in summer 2020. However, in discussion and agreement with Oxfordshire CCG, it has been brought forward in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The merged practice will better support Horsefair Surgery patients at this time.

The larger practice will provide improved access to a range of specialists such as physiotherapists, mental health nurses and advanced nurse practitioners and new services as they are developed. The patient groups across the practice will continue to be involved with these developments.

PML was founded in 2004 by a small group of local GPs as 'not-for-profit' organisation which aims to reinvest in patient care. About 40 per cent of GP practices in Oxfordshire and 30 per cent of those in Northamptonshire are associated with PML as part of the PML GP Federation. PML associated practices

serve a registered patient population of more than 500,000. PML is both a GP Federation and a CQC registered provider of primary and community health services.

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