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Colima Avenue
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Dear Patient,

This letter is to let you know about changes happening to your doctors.



The Colliery Medical Group and the Church View Medical Centre are going to be run by a new organisation called the Sunderland G.P Alliance.

The Sunderland GP Alliance is an organisation that GP Practices join so that the different GP Practices can work together. This can be things like;



- Sharing information.



- Running health campaigns together.



- Buying things together which makes buying things cheaper.



- Looking at the best ways to get the staff people need like doctors and nurses.

We also want to let you know that the Silksworth Medical Centre will be having a lot of building work done in the next two months to make the service better for patients.



You can still use the Silksworth Medical Centre , The Colliery Medical Centre and The Church View Medical Centre as you always have.

If you do want to change the GP Practice that you use now you can do this in two ways.



1: You can ask your GP Practice to help you.



2: You can use the internet to find out what other GP Practices are near to you. The website is www.nhs.uk .

In the box that says 'find local services' you Type in Your Postcode. Press and it will give you a list of local GP Practices you can contact.



Remember if you don't like using the internet you can just ask the GP Practice you use now to help you move to another doctors.

If you do have any question about the Sunderland GP Alliance there will be two drop in sessions where you can just come along.



The sessions are both on:

Wednesday 27th September

Session 1 - 12.30pm until 1.30 pm

Session 2- 7.30 pm until 8.30 pm



They will both be at:

Silksworth Youth and Community Centre
Tunstall Village Road
Sunderland
SR3 2BB

If you do want to come to these sessions **you will need** to let us know.



You can do this calling us on

0191 217 2803



you can register online at:

• 12:30 – 1:30pm session -
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/information-session-silksworthmedical-centre-tickets-37451967844>

• 7:30pm – 8:30pm session -
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/gp-practice-at-silksworthmedical-centre-information-session-tickets-37452220600>



Healthwatch Sunderland speaks up for patients. If you want to talk to them you can contact them on Freephone 0800 023 8840, or email www.healthwatch.co.uk/directory/sunderland

Kind regards

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