

## Patient Information Sheet

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### **IMPORTANT**

#### **INFORMATION FOR PATIENTS OF ST GEORGES MEDICAL PRACTICE**

NHS England is pleased to announce that Mendip Vale Medical Practice will take over the running of St Georges Medical Practice from 1 October 2016.

This follows a formal re-procurement process to ensure a sustainable future for the practice before the current GP service contract ends on 30 September 2016.

We believe that St Georges becoming one of five branch surgeries of Mendip Vale will:

- Increase patient choice over which site to access services from;
- Increase access to a wider range of services, including a mental health nurse specialist, online GP consultations and advice, and Saturday clinics at other surgeries; and
- Provide greater resilience by being linked to a larger practice.

Mendip Vale currently serve patients across four premises in North Somerset: a modern, state-of-the-art surgery at Pudding Pie Lane in Langford; long standing GP surgeries in Yatton and Congresbury and a limited daily GP and Healthcare Assistant clinic in Wrington on weekday mornings. Patients are able to choose to be seen at any of the four locations.

As you may be aware, NHS England originally put the St Georges contract out to tender as an individual practice. However, we were unable to award the contract and ultimately decided that this approach would not meet our vision to keep services fully accessible, responsive and sustainable for the future. After discussions with a range of local interested parties, we opened up the procurement to existing local surgeries.

We are now absolutely confident that Mendip Vale will meet the needs of the St Georges patient population with a positive outlook for the future. The Mendip Vale team are looking forward to working with the staff and patients at St Georges, and will be seeking feedback on how they can make the transition as easy for patients as possible.

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