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Dear Patient,

Further to our previous patient engagement meeting regarding the future premises arrangements for Billinge Medical Practice, we are writing to invite patients to a further public meeting.

As you will be aware, the practice received notice from the landlords regarding the future occupation of the current building. Since that time, the Practice Partners have been working closely with NHS England, Cheshire and Merseyside Integrated Care Board (ICB), NHS estates colleagues and other stakeholders to consider a range of potential options for the future delivery of services.

Following completion of the options appraisal process, the outcome has now been confirmed. We appreciate that this has raised questions and concerns for many patients. We are therefore committed to explaining the process that has been undertaken, the factors that informed the outcome, what this means for our patients and the next steps.

You are therefore invited to attend a patient engagement meeting.

**Date:** Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2026

**Time:** 5:30pm

**Location:** St Aidan's Church, Main Street, Billinge, WN5 7HD

The meeting will be led by Erika Howell, Managing Partner, and supported by the Partners, members of the practice team, the Patient Participation Group (PPG), and wider NHS colleagues.

The purpose of the meeting is to provide reassurance in relation to the current situation and to confirm that the practice remains open. We are not closing and remain fully committed to continuing to serve the communities of Billinge and Orrell.

**The purpose of the meeting is to:**

- explain the options appraisal process that has been undertaken and how the preferred option was reached
- outline the reasons for the decision and the factors that were considered throughout the process
- explain what the decision means for Billinge Medical Practice and the communities of Billinge and Orrell
- provide an overview of the next steps and the planned transition arrangements
- give patients the opportunity to ask questions and hear directly from practice and NHS colleagues.

We would also like to reassure patients that Billinge Medical Practice remains open and fully committed to providing high quality care. This meeting is intended to provide information, answer questions where possible and continue an open dialogue with our patients as we move through the next stage of this process.

If you would like to attend, **you must register in advance**. The venue has a maximum capacity, and to ensure health and safety requirements are met, we need to manage attendance numbers.

**To register your attendance, please telephone: 01744 624 429**

We would like to thank you for your ongoing support and understanding during this time.

Kind regards,



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*Managing Partner and on behalf of the Partners of Billinge Medical Practice*