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The Escrick Surgery

The Escrick York – Main Surgery  
North Duffield - Branch surgery  
Closure of Branch Surgeries – Wheldrake and Naburn.

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## **1. Background**

The Practice has for some time maintained surgeries within the villages of Naburn and Wheldrake for local patients. The Practice rented accommodation in the Reading Room at the Post Office in Naburn and the Church Cottage Wheldrake.

The surgeries did not provide a regular scheduled service, they were used to support a 'drop in' service to pick up prescriptions or medication or the occasional appointment for a consultation for some of the elderly patients that were unable travel to the main surgery when requested. The facilities within both of the buildings are extremely basic and limited to use of a spare room at the Post office (Naburn) or a dividing curtain in the Church Hall (Wheldrake). None of which were satisfactory , the practice viewed the appointments as an equivalent to a home visit.

These patients have since died and the facilities have not been used for some time.

## **2. The Application to Close**

The premises were only ever used by 3 to 4 patients in the locality and as the patients died the use of the facilities declined. As there had been no request to attend or use either of the surgeries in recent years, the practice decided to close the facilities .This has required the Practice to apply for a variation to their contract with NHS England.

The application is to formalise the closure on the grounds that the service was no longer in use by patients and the facilities were not meeting the required standards to support the provision of patient services on site.

## **3. Consultation**

The Practice set up notices in the surgeries and on the web site earlier in the year to inform patients of their plans to discontinue the use of these facilities in the villages. The Practice has not received any feedback.

## **4. Factors for Consideration**

Essentially given the limitations of these facilities, it should be noted that the premises would not be compliant with current standards operated by the NHS and CQC and therefore, the practice would not be allowed to maintain patient services from either site.

The premises do not meet requirements for DDA, patient and service confidentiality or infection control for clinical facilities or support good practice in terms of the management of medicines.

The provision of service on 2 sites as opposed to potentially 4 sites ensures best use of resources for the practice and support the delivery and access to a comprehensive range of services including access to minor surgery, contraceptive advice and care, management of chronic disease, counselling services, vaccination and immunisation services , cervical smear service, child health checks.

The villages are located to the northern end of the area covered by the practice and are close to the main surgery at Escrick and within approx. 5km from Naburn and 6 km to Wheldrake.

The Elvington Practice operates a branch surgery in Wheldrake.

Appendix 1 – Locality map .Location of the surgeries are highlighted for reference.

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# APPENDIX 1 - Locality Map

