

## Former Fyvie Branch Practice engagement update 22.10.25

The Fyvie Branch Practice of the former Fyvie Oldmeldrum Medical Practice was closed in 2020 during the COVID 19 pandemic and has remained closed since then.

The Former Fyvie Oldmeldrum Medical Practice handed back their contract to provide General Medical Services (GMS) in 2023 at which point the AHSCP took over the operation of the practice. Following a period of stabilisation the practice was then taken over by the Newburn Medical Group who were clear that they would not have the capacity to operate the Fyvie Branch Practice and would not take on the contract were there to be a requirement to do so. Therefore, the contract does not include the delivery of General Medical Services from the Fyvie branch practice.

As it became clear that the Medical Practice would not be able to make use of the Fyvie Branch Practice, Partnership representatives looked at options for other services that may be suitable for delivery from Fyvie – unfortunately without success.

Partnership representatives have met with Community Councils and Elected Members to update on Primary Care and the disposal of the Fyvie Branch Practice building on a number of occasions over the last few years and have shared updates for the public including a FAQ.

Given that there is no suitable service delivery uses for the Fyvie building the AHSCP is proceeding with a process to declare the building surplus to requirement. In order to do this safely and effectively, it is vital that we are fully aware of any impacts that the closure of the branch surgery has had on individuals and the community in order to ensure that we can continue to mitigate associated risk. We have therefore launched an online survey and have arranged three face to face drop-in sessions to enable us to gather this information and present it to the IJB for consideration when they are being asked to make a decision in December 2025.

## Drop-in sessions include:

- Oldmeldrum: Meldrum & Bourtie Church Hall, Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 12:30 2:30pm
- Fyvie: Fyvie Primary School, Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 3 5pm
- Turriff: Gateway Centre, Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October 3:30-7pm (Community Hospital Review)

We sent letters to nearly 4,000 households to publicize the survey and the events. In addition we have also advertised the events on our social media channels which have been viewed 68,994 times since publication yesterday morning.

We appreciate that some of the letters may not have reached households and that we have had to organize these sessions at pace and to ensure that everyone has an opportunity to meet with us if they wish to. Based on feedback about the short notice of face-to-face events, we are currently looking to host a further session week commencing 10<sup>th</sup> November. We will send you details of this additional session as soon as it is confirmed.







The survey will be open until November 17<sup>th</sup>



https://engage.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/fyvie-hc/surveys/fyvie-health-centre

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