



BEDMINSTER
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Bedminster Family Practice
Gaywood House Surgery
Malago Surgery
Southville Surgery
The Wedmore Practice

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PRESS RELEASE UPDATE – Thursday 27th JULY 2017

The five practices in Bedminster and Southville remain excited that work is now underway to start a formal process that will lead to the merger of Bedminster Family Practice, Gaywood House Surgery, Malago Surgery, Southville Surgery and The Wedmore Practice.

The name for this new group of Practices will be the Bedminster Medical Group (BMG).

In order to allow adequate time to ensure that all patient care pathways are developed and our five surgeries are properly prepared to work together effectively, we have taken the decision that the merger will now take place on **1st April 2018**.

As a merged practice we will be better placed to survive the pressures that have already caused two local practices to close, and hopefully guarantee continuity of service for our patients, as well as all the staff who work for us.

Central to the spirit of these merger plans will be:

- Continuity of care for patients and maintenance of the core values and individuality of each practice.
- Delivering the ambition that our clinical care will be even better than it is currently.
- Patients will remain ‘attached’ to their existing practices and will be encouraged to see the same clinicians as usual.

We have now started a programme of engagement with our patients and our local community leaders, to develop ways of integrating our clinical resources with the excellent assets that currently exist in our vibrant local community. We will continue to engage with all stakeholders, and seek their views on the plans that we intend to develop, to ensure that our patients have a true voice in the development of primary care in the forthcoming merger.

We will keep you informed of our progress and of any intended changes to the way we work that might affect our staff or our patients. We will do this with regular updates to the posters in our surgeries and updates on our websites.

With best wishes,

Dr Jane Collyer, Dr Cathy Gibbs, Dr Rob Adams, Dr Andrew Green, Dr Andy Platt
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