

## The Proposed Merger

### Will LMC patients have to register at DRHC?

No, not if the merger is agreed. Medical records will be transferred automatically from LMC to DRHC, the clinical systems will be joined together and so the process will be much simpler with a merger. LMC patients can also choose to register elsewhere if they wish.

### What will happen if the merger does not go ahead?

LMC will still close its doors on 31st March 2017 and patients will have to register with a new GP. If patients do not register with a new GP before 31st March 2017 the CCG will nominate a GP for patients.

### Will the merger negatively impact DRHC patients?

- 1) *Appointment availability?* There would be an increase in GP, healthcare assistant and practice nurse appointments to cope with the demand.
- 2) *Will the phones get busier?* DRHC will increase their reception team and increase the capacity of the phone system by introducing more available lines.
- 3) *Waiting room seating?* DRHC has two waiting rooms over two floors and will if necessary change the layout and provide additional seating.
- 4) *Will there be enough parking?* DRHC will monitor this and if needed DRHC will apply for additional parking at the rear of the building.

### Where can we find more information?

There will be an **Open Day at DRHC** with a Question and Answer session. All LMC and DRHC patients are welcome; you can come along and speak to staff about the proposed changes. We would invite anyone to send in their questions prior to 21st January to: [ncccg.contact-drhc@nhs.net](mailto:ncccg.contact-drhc@nhs.net)

**Open Day Saturday 21st January 2017 10.30am**  
**Questions and Answers 12.30pm Finish 1.30pm**

Take a look on our websites: [drhc.org.uk](http://drhc.org.uk) [lentonmedicalcentre.nhs.uk](http://lentonmedicalcentre.nhs.uk)  
Or telephone our dedicated telephone line on **0115 973 8827**

You can also contact the DRHC Patient Group Chair Rob Kirkwood on 07855 151 658 or at [rsmkirkwood@gmail.com](mailto:rsmkirkwood@gmail.com) or LMC Patient Group Chair Lorraine McPherson-Bravo on 0744 712 3554



# Derby Road Health Centre

336 Derby Road

and

# Lenton Medical Centre

266 Derby Road



## Proposed Merger of these Lenton GP Practices

A patient information leaflet for  
DRHC and LMC Patients.



For more information look on our websites:

[www.drhc.org.uk](http://www.drhc.org.uk)

[www.lentonmedicalcentre.nhs.uk](http://www.lentonmedicalcentre.nhs.uk)

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## Introduction

**Lenton Medical Centre** currently has approximately 2,200 patients and is situated at 266 Derby Road. At the end of March 2017, the lease on the surgery building will terminate and as the premises are no longer suitable for general practice, Dr Alawale is not in a position to renew the lease. Dr Alawale still wishes to continue to provide excellent healthcare for the LMC patients and therefore it is proposed that LMC join together with **Derby Road Health Centre**, where Dr Alawale can continue to see patients and they can benefit from the additional services provided by DRHC. DRHC will also benefit by having another male full time GP/partner and another healthcare assistant.

## What are the benefits of the merger for LMC Patients?

First and foremost Dr Alawale will be able to provide continuity of care to his patients and will remain in a convenient location. Dr Alawale and his patients will have the benefit of all the modern facilities, the services and a large clinical team that make up DRHC. Dr Alawale sees this as a positive move for LMC patients and the least disruptive option.

If the merger goes ahead, LMC patients will automatically be transferred to DRHC without having to fill in any forms. The physical medical records will be transferred and the electronic records will be linked to the DRHC clinical system.

LMC patients will have access to all of the clinics and services available at DRHC, for example:

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| Phlebotomy                      | Holiday Vaccinations  |
| Joint Injection Clinic          | On-site Pharmacy      |
| Midwifery Clinics               | Physio First Clinics  |
| Insight Mental Health           | Sexual Health         |
| Diabetes Prevention             | Acupuncture           |
| Seated Exercise for the Elderly | Advanced Nurse Triage |
| NHS Health Checks               | Baby Clinic           |

There is also ample parking for patients and purpose built premises providing extended opening hours.

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## What are the benefits for DRHC Patients?

In the event of a merge with Lenton Medical Centre, DRHC would have an increased clinical capacity and would also receive additional NHS funding with immediate effect from 1st April 2017.

Dr Alawale is an experienced GP of many years and it is proposed that he would be full time (four days) at DRHC. Dr Alawale specialises in minor surgery and so would deliver an additional minor surgery clinic as well as an increase in GP appointment availability. He would also be the second male GP at the practice along side Dr Steve Jones.

Joining the team from LMC would be a Healthcare Assistant who would provide extra daily clinics for all patients, along with extra administrative staff.

Dr Alawale also wishes to join the partnership at DRHC and would be a valuable addition to the DRHC team, ensuring the longevity and rejuvenation of the practice.

Without the merger, it is highly probable that most LMC patients would choose to register with DRHC due to location but without the benefit of retaining the existing LMC staff.

Merging the practices and increasing the number of patients would reduce the overall costs to DRHC and be of benefit to all patients when the NHS is facing difficult financial challenges.

The partners and Dr Alawale feel strongly that they are like-minded in their clinical practice and share an ethos of excellent patient care that will serve them well within a new partnership.

