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Dear Patient,

Reminder: Please register yourself with another GP surgery

Further to our letter dated 29 June 2018, **we are writing to remind you to register yourself with a GP surgery before the end of November.** This means that we are urging you to register with another surgery within the next 6 weeks.

We understand that only a few patients have taken the step to register themselves with another GP surgery, and think this may be due to confusion about how and when to register. We apologise if we were not clear in our previous correspondence, and would like to clarify the following points:

- The RSVP postcard was simply to let us know of the number of patients likely to register at each surgery. **It was not part of the registration process, and you still need to register yourself.**
- We wrote to you on 29 June to advise you of the practices you may be eligible to register with. This information was provided to let you know of your surgery option(s) and enable you to take steps to register yourself.
- Any patients who remain on the Stalbridge Surgery register after the end of November will be allocated to a practice. **We ask you to note that patient allocation is a safety measure, for specific patients** who may find it difficult to register themselves, it is not for the majority who are able to register themselves. **Therefore, we would urge you to register yourself with another surgery within the next 6 weeks leading up to the end of November.**
- If you are prescribed medication, we recommend you contact Stalbridge Surgery prior to registering with another surgery, to ensure you have prescriptions for at least 2 months' medication.

We hope the 'How to Register' diagram on the next page will be helpful.

If you have registered with another practice in the meantime, please disregard this letter.

Yours sincerely

Rob Payne
Head of Primary Care

How to register with a new GP practice

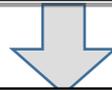
If you have a choice of more than one practice – decide which practice you would like to register at



Visit the practice (or telephone if housebound) to complete a registration form. You may be asked for proof of address such as a utility bill



Your new practice will request your electronic medical records from Stalbridge Surgery



Stalbridge Surgery will send your electronic medical records to your new practice and remove you from their register – this completes the registration process



Any paper medical records will be securely transported to your new surgery