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**IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING THE EVERSNOT BRANCH SURGERY
PLEASE READ CAREFULLY**

As you may be aware our **branch site at 13 Fore Street, Evershot** has been closed for a number of months and after careful consideration we have made the difficult decision not to reopen it.

This means it will be permanently closed to patients on 30th September 2020.

This decision has not been one we have taken lightly. We want to ensure we are able to offer safe and accessible services to all our registered patients both now and in the future and we feel we are unable to do this at the Evershot branch surgery, particularly in light of the current COVID-19 pandemic where we are relying more on technology to support patients.

In addition, recent partnership changes have made it difficult to hold the 2 sessions per week at the site.

We recognise that this news may cause concerns amongst some people, but we can assure you that your registration will not be affected, as all patients are registered as Yetminster patients.

You do NOT have to take any action if you are happy to continue accessing your GP Services from Yetminster, as you have been doing over the last few months.

However, you can choose to register with any practice in your area. You can find your closest GP Practice by visiting 'Find a GP' on the NHS website www.nhs.uk.

If you do not have internet access, please find below a list of local practices with their relative distance from our Evershot branch site:

- The Tollerford Practice, Maiden Newton (4.9 miles)
- Barton House, Beaminster (7.4 miles)
- Cerne Abbas Surgery (8.2 miles)

We hope you will choose to stay with us, but we will understand if your home is closer to another practice that you may wish to register elsewhere.

Whilst we would normally hold a patient engagement event to discuss these changes, we are unable to do so within this lockdown period, especially as some patient groups are being told to 'shield' and self-isolate.

We understand that you may have questions regarding the changes, and we have attached a list of frequently asked questions.

If you have further questions, please telephone the practice on 01935 872530 and the most appropriate person will be happy to speak with you.

Yours sincerely

Drs Latham and Dixon