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# Beech Tree Surgery

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# Newsletter

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## Extension to our main site in Selby

Work on our extension is on schedule and we are hoping to be fully functional by Wednesday 1 August.

The ground floor of the new extension will be utilised by the nursing team. Sessions with the Practice Nurse and the various clinics we run all operating from this new wing. The existing building will be used by doctors and Minor Illness clinics.

The first floor will give us much needed office space for admin staff plus additional consulting rooms for doctors and other health related professionals.

In addition we have a new retail unit to the front of the surgery which we intend to

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## Local road works



**A19, Doncaster Road:** Construction work on the A19, Doncaster Road (between Baffam Lane & Newport Ave) started on 14 February with completion 8 -10 weeks later.

Selby Hospital entrance for vehicles will remain useable under temporary traffic lights although access will be restricted for short durations to undertake certain operations. Pedestrian & emergency access will be maintained at all times.

**A19, Selby Toll Bridge:** The start of this scheme coincides with the work shown above. This will result in the bridge being closed for traffic for 14 weeks and closed for pedestrians for 8 weeks. A replacement bus service will be provided when pedestrian access across the bridge is unavailable. Diversion signs for motorists will also be in place.

**Please ensure you allow sufficient time if attending either our main site or Selby Hospital**

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## GP Commissioning

### **The National Picture:**

The long awaited Health & Social Care Bill was published at the beginning of the year and is the first step towards the radical overhaul of the NHS. The bill takes forward July's White Paper 'Equity and excellence: Liberating the NHS' .



The bill will see the introduction of a GP consortia, which sees GP's becoming responsible (and therefore accountable) for 80% of the health service budget.

It is envisaged that consortia will be handed the bulk of the £100 billion health budget for buying in services for patients.

All general practitioners will be required (and indeed can be compelled) to join the commissioning consortium and the new NHS Commissioning Board will oversee the commissioning process.

152 Primary Care Trusts (PCT's) & 10 Strategic Health Authorities (SHA's) will be abolished.

Provision of services to the NHS will be by 'any willing provider', meaning NHS providers will compete with each other and non NHS providers, such as voluntary organisations and private companies

### **The Local Picture:**

Currently the 3 practices in Selby town plus the practices in South Milford, Sherburn & Escrick form Selby & District Practice Based Commissioning Group.

Work is currently underway to form new GP Commissioning Consortia (GPCC). At present those practices listed above will join forces with practices in York plus those in Terrington & Pocklington to form a new group; the Vale of York Commissioning Consortia . This proposed GPCC will cover a population of approximately 300,000 people who are currently cared for by 227 GP's.

A selection process is currently underway for GP's to form a transitional GPCC board. A number of GP's have expressed an interest in being on this board and an election process may be required.

The accountable officer of the GPCC will have statutory responsibilities and must ensure taxpayers money is spent wisely & cost effectively whilst at the same time ensuring annual budgets are not over-spent. This comes at a time when the NHS has to save £20 billion pounds over the next 3 years. To put this into perspective, recent press coverage in medical journals suggested every practice in England needed to save £2,500 per day every day for the next 2 years.

### **What will it mean for me as a patient?**

In the short term you are likely to see no difference, although in the medium to long term you may see changes in the services that are provided, where they are provided, who provides them etc.

All services you use we pay for. We pay for every A&E attendance at any hospital, all time spent in hospitals, all operations, all outpatient appointments, any tests you have, use of ambulances, all items of medication you take etc. Our budget for this is around £18 million per year, it is quite likely that the new GP consortia will set practices objectives in ensuring they live within their budgets.

In addition to this, variations to national contracts for all practices in England have recently been published. Amongst other things, from 1 April practices are being asked to reduce emergency hospital admissions for those with long term conditions & to reduce inappropriate referrals.

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The next newsletter will be published in June 2011

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