

15th February 2018

We are sorry to inform you of the closure of Cherry Tree Branch Surgery

As a registered patient of Limefield & Cherry Tree Surgery, I would like to inform you and your family of our intention to close our branch surgery at Cherry Tree Branch Surgery, subject to approval by NHS England. Cherry Tree Branch Surgery will close permanently after afternoon surgery on Thursday 29th March 2018.

As you will be aware, this surgery is currently open just four sessions per week. The majority of appointments take place at our main Limefield Surgery and we have adapted our services over the years to ensure we can offer the best possible patient care, including introducing nurse practitioners and expanding the roles of our nurses and healthcare assistants.

I have taken the decision to close the branch surgery after seeking patient views and consulting with the commissioners of primary care services, NHS England, Blackburn with Darwen Clinical Commissioning Group and members of my team.

From Tuesday 3rd April 2018 (following the Easter Bank Holiday) all practice services will be provided from the Limefield Surgery. I am working closely with Redlam Surgery (62-64 Redlam, Blackburn, BB2 1UW) and will offer a weekly session from their surgery as well, this will usually be a Wednesday afternoon with myself or another member of the team booked through Limefield Surgery – all appointment bookings and prescription provisions will be centralised from Limefield Surgery.

The future plans are proceeding to offer a centralised purpose-built building in the West Blackburn patient area between the Limefield and Cherry Tree sites – we continue to work through the opportunities with NHS England and the local Health and Wellbeing teams. Griffin Lodge on Spring Lane is a possible site for the new building.

If you have any questions about the closure of Cherry Tree Branch Surgery please write to our Practice Manager, Lynda Marsh, at the above address and we will answer you as soon as we can. More information is also available at the Surgery Website www.limefieldsurgery.co.uk

We would like to assure you that the doctors and staff of the practice will continue to provide you with high quality care and to provide full services from Limefield Surgery. You will be able to continue to contact us on the usual number 01254 617630 and book appointments as normal. However, you do have the right to change your GP to any other of your choice. Information on how to do this is available on www.nhs.uk

Yours sincerely



Dr Hereward Brown
(Named accountable General Practitioner at Limefield Surgery)