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Public Consultation on proposed closure of GP Branch Surgery, Evington Branch Surgery.

We are writing to you as a patient of St Elizabeth Medical Centre to inform you of a public consultation on the proposed closure of Evington Branch Surgery.

We want to hear from our patients about the impact on them and their family and any concerns they may have about this proposal.

Once we have listened to the views of our patients, we will collate the insights and information and submit it, as well as our business case to the NHS Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Integrated Care Board (LLR ICB), to be considered before a decision is made. The LLR ICB is the local organisation that plans and pays for local health services.

Why we are making this proposal.

For some time now, we have tried to sustain health care services at Evington to ensure that we are providing high-quality, safe healthcare service for our patients.

In recent times this has become increasingly difficult, as the Evington Branch Surgery building is no longer suitable to provide a high standard of safe care from. It is a small site with no option to expand and in need of a major refurbishment. In addition, having our healthcare teams spread across two sites (Netherhall Road and Evington Branch Surgery) means that our doctors, nurses and other staff are spread too thinly. This reduces the efficiency and effectiveness of the service that we provide to patients.

We have also received notification that the owner wishes to sell the building which houses the Evington Branch Surgery. As you may know the building is owned by Dr Wood who retired last year. This means that in the long-term access to the building will be discontinued.

Our proposal for providing quality health services in the future.

We propose centralising services onto a single site at St Elizabeth Medical Centre on Netherhall Road. This is our main surgery and many patients registered at Evington Branch Surgery are already utilising services on this site.

The proposal would offer patients a more flexible, efficient GP service with better access for all our patients. It would increase the number of GP, Nurse, and Health Care Assistant appointments, as the time wasted on travelling between sites would be dedicated to providing care to patients. Appointments would increase by 98 every week including 63 GP appointments, 15 Practice Nurse appointments and 20 Health Care Assistant.

Under this proposal all patients would remain registered with the Evington Branch Surgery and would access services at St Elizabeth Medical Centre.

Share your views and tell us how this will impact you.

A public consultation will begin on Tuesday 30th July 2024 on the proposed closure of Evington Branch Surgery. The consultation will close on Friday 13th September 2024.

Please provide your views on the proposals by completing a short survey. The survey is available online at <https://www.stelizabethsmedicalcentre.co.uk>.

Please contact the surgery if you require a hardcopy, need the information in another format or language, or need assistance completing the survey.

You will also be able to pick up a copy of the survey from the reception at St Elizabeth Medical Centre and Evington Branch Surgery. Please contact the surgery on 0116 2416392 if you require a need the information in another format, language or need assistance completing the survey.

In addition, we will be holding two drop-in sessions to answer any questions that people may have. You can drop-in at any time to either session, which will be held on:

Wednesday 7 th August 2024	10.30am-12.30am	Evington Road Surgery
Wednesday 14 th August 2024	10:00am-12:00am	St Elizabeth's Netherhall Road

Evington Branch Surgery will continue to operate until a decision has been made following the public consultation.

We now look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully

Dr Toby Cheesman