

Tuesday 17th January 2023

Dear Patient,

We are delighted to announce the merger of Danby & Egton Practices, with effect from 1st April 2023. This has been discussed with the Integrated Care Board (formerly the CCG), staff and patient groups who are very happy to support us.

This venture will allow us to continue and further develop a fabulous service for our patients, whilst ensuring a stable and supportive working environment for our staff.

Our aims are to:

- maintain excellent patient care in a flexible manner, with patient choice the priority
- improve skills & knowledge through shared working as a team (clinical & non-clinical) as we hold many pockets of excellence in expertise & knowledge at both sites, but currently are limited to the individual site / patients
- improve our resources (including our team of people, who are valued at both sites, but also our physical infrastructure & our IT)
- ensure that there is a safety net in maintaining GP, nursing & support staff cover in the unexpected situations where absences cannot be avoided
- enable us to flourish as a slightly larger practice in the Esk Valley, whilst maintaining our current strong shared values of small & rural general practice

The newly merged practice will be named, "*Esk Valley Medical Practice*", to reflect our shared working in the extensive Esk Valley.

Importantly, the two sites will remain open as usual, the staffing will remain exactly as at present, and the day-to-day experience of staff and patients using our service will probably feel the same.

The management team and doctors will be holding regular meetings to discuss the merger and will keep you updated with newsletters and updates on our websites and facebook pages.