

## Leven Health Centre

### 2 become 1 Practice Merger



### *the new* Scoonie Medical Practice

from 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021

The *new* Scoonie Medical Practice will be the only Medical Practice in Leven Health Centre from 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021. It will be one bigger Practice.

Drs Hilton, Richardson, Andrew, Stevens, Cook, Barr, Stevenson & McDonald will work in Partnership and the Practice will be *SCOONIE MEDICAL PRACTICE*. Dr Page will retire on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

You will not need to re-register. The Health Board will transfer all patients to the new Scoonie Medical Practice

As a bigger Practice we will be more sustainable, more attractive to recruiting new clinicians and be able to increase opportunities for clinical and non-clinical staff, which will in turn result in better patient care for all our patients; the exact ethos of our practice.

#### **Benefits of a Merger**

- **Better services for patients:**
  - **Increased access to both male and female GPs**
  - **Greater choice and access to the right healthcare professional for your needs, at the right time, at the right place: a GP, Advanced Nurse Practitioner, Nurse Practitioner, Primary Care Long Term Condition Nurse, Physiotherapist, Treatment Room Nurse, Phlebotomist and other health care professionals as they are recruited and join the Team.**
  - **A greater choice of services**
  - **A more resilient and consistent service because we are a bigger Health Care Team**
  - **A single way to access primary healthcare services in Leven Health Centre**
- **Opportunities for integrated partnership working and innovation**
  - **Chance for GPs to develop their skills within the wider community**
  - **Staff experience and knowledge to be shared from both practices**
  - **Improved training opportunities**

We very much value all of the one-to-one relationships our patients have with our doctors, Advanced Nurse Practitioners and nurses. It is therefore expected that merging practices will further increase our ability to provide you with continuity of care.

We will offer telephone triage, on-line-consult (which is a convenient way to communicate with the Practice 24 hours a day via the Practice Website). Face to face appointments if arranged by the clinician. We are not anticipating a change to our current core opening times. We ask that as far as possible you telephone the new-Scoonie Practice or use on-line-consult to access services. Of course, you can pop in but you will be appointed for a Triage call by one of our clinicians.

We plan to move to a single telephone number 01333 432 588, We will update you nearer the time. Meantime please continue to use your usual Practice phone number to access health care.

In order to access urgent health care when the new-Scoonie Practice is closed, you will still continue to telephone the NHS 111, NHS 24 service and they will either signpost you to the most appropriate service or arrange for you to access a GP..

If you have any queries or questions or feedback about the merger you can email [marion.clacken@nhs.scot](mailto:marion.clacken@nhs.scot) or phone her on 01333 432 568

Please keep up to date by visiting [www.scoonie.co.uk](http://www.scoonie.co.uk) or [www.levenhealthcentrepagpractice.co.uk](http://www.levenhealthcentrepagpractice.co.uk) or pop in to the Health Centre from time to time to check for latest news. From 1<sup>st</sup> December use [www.scoonie.co.uk](http://www.scoonie.co.uk)

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## **If we all use NHS services wisely, we can keep well and get the care we need quickly, safely and as close to home as possible**

**Urgent Care** Phone NHS24 on 111 for urgent care, if you think you will need to go to A&E but it's not life threatening, are too ill for your GP Practice to open, have worsening symptoms of coronavirus.

**Minor Injuries Unit (MIU)** If you think you need a visit to the Minor Injuries Unit you should call NHS 24 on 111. If you have a cut, minor burn, sprain or strain, or think you have a broken bone or fracture

**NHS Inform** [www.NHSinform.scot](http://www.NHSinform.scot) advice on common symptoms and a range of self-help guides

**Dentist** your dentist should deal with dental or gum problems or phone the NHS Fife dental line on 01592 226 555

**Optician** for eye problems speak to an optician and get advice in the first instance as they are better equipped to deal with eye problems

**Local Pharmacy – Pharmacy First Service** can issue items on prescription FREE should they feel it appropriate for lots of common problems, just like your GP would. They can also prescribe for females with uncomplicated urine infections.

**Access Therapies Fife** – [www.accesstherapiesfife.scot](http://www.accesstherapiesfife.scot) provides a wide range of support for mental health issues as well as Breathing Space on 0800 83 85 87

**Mental Health in a Crisis** contact 01592 729 122 if there is no medical intervention needed.

**Breathing Space** if you are struggling with your mental health or need emotional support you can phone Breathing Space on weekdays 6pm-2am, Friday from 6pm to Monday 6am

