

The future of The Ridge Medical Practice (Buttershaw)

Tell us what you think ...

What is this letter about?

This letter is about your doctor's (GP) surgery: The Ridge Medical Practice (Buttershaw), Royds Healthy Living Centre, 20 Ridings Way, Off The Crescent, Bradford BD6 3UD. It provides you with an update and asks you about some important changes at the surgery.

What is happening?

Your surgery looks after the health and care of over 3,126 patients. The contract to run the surgery is held by The Ridge and comes to an end on 30 June 2016. This means that we need to think about future arrangements to care for everyone who sees a doctor at The Ridge Medical Practice (Buttershaw). To do this we could do one of the following things:

1. **offer an extension of the existing contract (until 30 June 2018)** to The Ridge. This means that management of the surgery would stay the same; **or**
2. **find someone new to run the surgery** (for example, a group of doctors, or another organisation). The process for doing this is called tendering and involves testing the market to check who is interested in running the surgery, and then advertising on the open market. At the end of this process we would decide on someone new to run the surgery; **or**
3. **close the surgery** and help you find a new doctor. There are nine other surgeries within 1.4 miles of The Ridge Medical Practice (Buttershaw) and most of them are accepting new patients. A list of these surgeries is attached.

If the surgery closes, there are three things that could happen:

- You decide to find a new doctor of your choice without any help;
- You ask us for help in finding a new doctor for you; **or**
- You could do nothing. In this case we will find the doctor(s) - close to your home – who are willing to take on new patients and register you with them.

We understand that you might find it difficult or be worried about having to change doctors, so if the surgery closes we will make sure there is lots of help available to you.

This letter has been sent to one person in every house where patients are registered with The Ridge Medical Practice (Buttershaw). Please share it with anyone else who needs to know about these changes.

At the moment you can continue to see your doctor and the other staff at The Ridge Medical Practice (Buttershaw) as usual. If we decide to make any changes in the future we will write to you to tell you about them and give you advice about what to do next.

It should be noted that the outcome of this consultation will have no effect on patients of the Ridge Medical Practice registered at the Wibsey (Smith Avenue) or Great Horton (Cousen Road) surgeries and their care will continue to be managed by the Ridge team at these locations unchanged. However, patients should be aware that, if the outcome of this consultation process should be to identify a new provider in place of the Ridge Medical Practice then the flexibility to access basic care and a broader range of services across all Ridge practices as at present will no longer be available.

What happens next?

Because it takes time to find someone new to run a surgery, it might be some months before we are able to tell you about the future of The Ridge Medical Practice (Buttershaw).

To help you, we are running some drop-in sessions at The Ridge Medical Practice (Buttershaw) on the dates below. You can call in and talk to us on:

Thursday 25 February	2.30 – 4.00pm
Monday 29 February	2.30 – 4.00pm
Tuesday 1 March	6.30 – 8.00pm

You don't need to make an appointment to come and see us – just call in.

We welcome your views

We would like to hear your views about what we should do with The Ridge Medical Practice (Buttershaw). There are a number of ways you can tell us what you think:

- You can fill in the form at the end of this letter and return it to the FREEPOST address shown on page four.
- You can reply by email to consultation@bradford.nhs.uk

Please tell us your views by no later than **2 May 2016**.

Where is my nearest surgery?

If you have access to the internet, the “find local services” section of NHS Choices – www.nhs.uk - will provide you with a summary of the services provided by the practices listed below.

Practice	Address	Telephone	Distance from The Ridge Medical Practice (Royds)
Horton Bank Practice	1220 Great Horton Road, Bradford, West Yorkshire, BD7 4PL	01274 410666	0.7 miles
Wibsey and Queensbury Medical Practice	Fair Road, Wibsey, Bradford, BD6 1TD	01274 677457	0.7 miles
The Parklands Medical Practice	30 Buttershaw Lane, Bradford, BD6 2DD	01274 678464	0.8 miles
Caritas Group Practice - Shelf Health Centre	Shelf Moor Road, Shelf, Halifax, HX3 7PQ	01274 691159	0.9 miles
Mayfield Medical Centre	4 Glenholme Park, Pasture Lane, Clayton, BD14 6NF	01274 880650	1.1 miles
The Ridge Medical Practice (Wibsey)	Wibsey Surgery, 93 Smith Avenue, Wibsey, Bradford, BD6 1HA	01274 425600	1.1 miles
The Ridge Medical Centre (Great Horton)	Cousen Road, Bradford, BD7 3JX	01274 425600	1.3 miles
Dr P Rawal	Cowgill Surgery, Thornaby Drive, Clayton, Bradford, BD14 6ES	01274 882372	1.3 miles
Drs Gavin, Dr Strachan, Dr Cade and Dr Qureshi	Low Moor Medical Centre, 29 The Plantations, Bradford, BD12 0TH	01274 697600	1.4 miles

Your views

Please tell us what you think about the future of The Ridge Medical Practice (Buttershaw). **If you want to write more, you can attach another piece of paper.**

On page one, we told you about two choices we could make about the future of the surgery. Which one do you think is best?

- 1 Offer an extension of the existing contract to The Ridge Medical Practice
 - 2 Find someone new to run the surgery
 - 3 Close the surgery and help me find a new doctor
- tick one box only**

In the box below, tell us why you think this:

If the surgery closes, would you prefer to:

- 1 find a new doctor without any help from us
 - 2 ask us for help to find a new doctor for you
 - 3 do nothing, and we will register you with a new doctor close to your home
- tick one box only**

Is there anything else you would like to tell us about The Ridge Medical Practice? If so, please write it here:

Your name _____
Your address _____
Your postcode _____
Your email address _____

Thank-you for telling us what you think about these changes. Please send this form, **by no later than 2 May 2016** to: The Ridge Medical Practice (Buttershaw) review, Freepost RTEK-UHKG-UBEK, Douglas Mill, Bowling Old Lane, Bradford BD5 7JR.
You do not need to use a stamp

