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Dear Colleague,

Health Board Managed GP Practice – Aberbeeg Medical Practice, Blaenau Gwent East

You may already be aware that Aberbeeg Medical Practice became directly managed by Aneurin Bevan University Board as of 1st April 2018 following the resignation of the former GP Partners.

Further to recent consideration by the Health Board's Executive Committee, it was agreed to advertise Aberbeeg Medical Practice with a view to returning to the practice to Independent Contractor status. In accordance with the Vacant Practice Process, an advert was placed in the British Medical Journal (BMJ) and circulated to all GP practices within the Health Board, with a submission deadline of the 24th of November 2023 for applications. The Health Board received one business case, which was shortlisted and invited for interview on the 11th of December 2023.

Based on the outcome of the interview, the panel determined that the GP partnership of Dr Allinson and Dr Ahmed provided assurance that they had sufficient capacity to deliver safe and effective care to the patients of Aberbeeg Medical Practice.

Therefore, I am pleased to confirm that following a robust recruitment campaign and ratification by the Aneurin Bevan Executive Committee, the Health Board has awarded the contract to take on the management and delivery of General Medical Services (GMS) for the patients currently

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registered with Aberbeeg Medical Practice to Dr Allinson and Dr Ahmed with effect from the 1st of April 2024.

I am sure you will agree that this is a positive outcome for the longer-term stability of GMS provision in the Blaenau Gwent East area.

The doctors and staff at Aberbeeg Medical Practice will continue to deliver General Medical Services to the patients registered with the practice between now and the 31st of March 2024, with all directly employed staff subject to Transfer of Undertakings Protection of Employment rights (TUPE). The Health Board will work closely with the incoming GP partners to ensure a smooth transition for both patients and staff.

Please be assured that patients do not need to do anything as they will be automatically registered with the new GP Contractor with effect from the 1st of April 2024.

I will be writing to patients shortly, informing them of the outcome and confirming how they will access services from the 1st of April 2024. I would therefore appreciate it if you could please keep the **details of this letter confidential until this time.**

We appreciate that some patients may be concerned about these changes and any concerns or queries can be directed to the Primary Care Team on (01495) 241293 or 241258.

I hope you understand that our priority is to ensure all patients have access to good quality general medical services and through making these changes, we can continue to provide all patients with the services they need.

If you require any further information in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Primary Care team on (01495) 241293 or 241258.

Yours sincerely,



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