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# Llanbradach Centre *for* Health



## Aber Medical Centre & The Village Surgery

**A new purpose built Health Centre is currently under construction in Llanbradach, located in Caerphilly County Borough, which will be shared by two local GP Practices, Aber Medical Centre and The Village Surgery.**

The building work of the new health centre is due to be completed by the end of April 2021, with an aim to be handed over to the practices by mid-May 2021.

As soon as we have confirmed dates for opening, we will be writing to each household with further information.



The developer, Apollo and the contractor, Jehu designed the health centre with the needs of the staff and patients at the heart of the building. The new centre centralises **Aber Medical Centre** and **The Village Surgery** and will provide a better service to the residents of the village.

Claire Rees, Practice Manager for Aber Medical Centre commented on what the new health centre means for both the staff and patients. She said: *"After many years of waiting, a state of the art Surgery will be a blessing, not only to the staff working at the surgery but to our patients also. Having the new premises will mean we can increase services, reduce waiting lists for things such as family planning, minor surgery and routine appointments.*

*Everyone will benefit from a light, bright and welcoming surgery that cannot fail to lift your spirits! Having an open plan reception area will allow staff the opportunity to greet our patients with a more welcoming, personal touch, while the new and improved consulting and treatment rooms which will provide our team with purpose built facilities in which to treat our patients."*

Practice Manager from the Village Surgery, Amanda Samuel, said: *"The staff are looking forward to working in an modern and sophisticated building and not in an old terrace house.*

*Our patients will have access to a lovely new state of the art building which will enable us to provide all health care in one building in a safe and modern environment.*

*There will be medical students operating out of the building which we have never been able to provide before which will help train the next generation of GPs. "*

## Frequently Asked Questions

*Do I need to do anything when I am notified that the GP practice I am registered with is relocating to the Llanbradach Centre for Health?*

**No. You do not need to do anything.**

You will continue to receive care from your existing surgery premises until the practice moves into the new premises. The Health Board will notify you, in writing, on how you will access care.

*I use My Health Online – what should I do once relocated?*

**You do not need to do anything.**

However if you are registering with a new practice, registration is not transferable as you will need a new code for your new practice. Reception staff will be able to help you with this.

*What if I do not want to stay with my relocated practice? How do I register with a new practice?*

You will need to contact the new practice to request a registration form. The practice will need to confirm that you currently live within their practice boundary. Once accepted by the new practice your records will be transferred and you will be added to the practice list in the new practice.

*Can I do anything to help?*

General advice for anyone thinking about making an appointment with the practice would be to consider:

- Do I need to see a doctor or could I request a different member of the healthcare team (e.g. practice nurse, practice pharmacist etc.)
- Could I visit a pharmacy instead of the practice?
- Do you know about the Community Pharmacy Common Ailment Scheme?

A community pharmacy common ailment service is a scheme whereby patients are able to consult a participating community pharmacy, rather than their GP, for a defined list of common ailments which may not require being seen by a nurse or doctor.

The pharmacist will supply medication from an agreed formulary, give advice or refer the patient to the GP if necessary. **Medicines are supplied free of charge.**

The Health Centre is being built in the heart of the village on the All Saints Church site.

The C16 bus stop is just outside the health centre and the local pharmacy is just a short walk away.

**The Village Surgery**  
[villagesurgery.gpsurgery.net](http://villagesurgery.gpsurgery.net)

**Aber Medical Centre**  
[meddygfatridwr.co.uk](http://meddygfatridwr.co.uk)



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