

Dear Patients

Pond Tail Surgery Update - April 2021

We are delighted to announce that Surrey Heartlands Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) is moving forward to **Procurement for the provision of a GP Service for the Patient List of Pond Tail Surgery, Godstone, Surrey.**

Helpful hint: The NHS buys a large amount of goods and services to enable it to run from day to day. This is called procurement.

The CCG is looking to re-procure primary medical care services, equivalent to those currently delivered, through a time limited Alternative Provider Medical Services (APMS) contract following the sudden passing of the former single-handed GP. The current contract will expire on the 31 December 2021 and the new contract is due to commence on 1 January 2022.

Surrey Heartlands CCG plan to publish **The Invitation to Tender** information and documentation in early May 2021 and it will be open to all suitably qualified providers who will be able to take part in the competitive tender process. The successful provider will be expected to provide primary care services from the existing premises.

Helpful hint: Tendering refers to the process where the CCG invites bids for large projects that must be submitted within a finite deadline.

This welcome news brings the CCG one step closer to securing a contract holder responsible for provision of ongoing GP services for registered patients at the existing surgery premises. The CCG would like to re-emphasise the message to patients that there is currently no need to choose alternative practices as Pond Tail Surgery remains open and continues to provide necessary care to its registered list.

Surrey Heartlands CCG welcomes patient feedback at every stage and all comments will be taken into consideration.

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