

Brown Clee Medical Practice
Meeting of the Patients Participation Group.
February 7th, 2023

Many of you in the Corvedale are patients of Brown Clee Practice and use the surgery in Ditton. However you may not be aware of the current issues faced by the practice.

As a result of these issues about 40 people, including Dr Railton, attended the meeting on Tuesday to express their concern and support.

The issues were summarised by Tina Ranson, Chair of the PPG.

- Dr Railton intends to resign the Partnership as soon as practicable (this was initially going to be Christmas 2023, but there may be a little more flexibility in this now)
- Dr Railton will continue to work as a part time GP for 2 years after she has resigned from the Partnership.
- Dr Bassett intends to continue to serve for a maximum of another 5 years.
- Dr Jones will continue to work for a maximum of another 3 years.
- The Practice anticipates that it will be difficult to recruit suitable GPs who will be able to take on the Partnership for the longer term.
- In order to attract GPs they want to dispose of the Practice buildings (to relieve any subsequent Partners from the associated expenses and stresses). Ideally they would like some form of local or community ownership of the buildings to provide some guarantee of the continued provision of medical services in the area. The timescale for the change of ownership would be Autumn 2023.

It is intended to form a Steering Group to look at options for acquisition of the buildings. If you would like to be part of this Steering Group and contribute ideas, time and energy to this enterprise, please contact Tina Ranson at tina.ranson@outlook.com.

Rural medical practices are under considerable pressure at the moment and we have been informed that Highley Surgery is to close on 31st March. Brown Clee Medical Practice has consistently been rated one of the best in the country and we would urge you to support this effort, so we do not lose such an important local resource.

You can read the latest developments on Facebook by following the **Brown Clee Medical Practice - Patient Page** or if you would like to participate in the PPG, contact the Tina Ranson, Chair of the Patient Participation Group, at tina.ranson@outlook.com.