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Dear Lambeth Stakeholder

I write to provide a brief update on premises for Lambeth Walk Group Practice and Waterloo Health Centre in north Lambeth.

### **Interim arrangements**

Lambeth Walk continues to provide the full range of general practice services to its registered patients from temporary premises spread across two sites: the Hurley Clinic on Kennington Lane (where the majority of face-to-face appointments are held); and the Akerman Health Centre, where they additionally carry out online and telephone consultations, face to face consultations, and their administrative work. Patients continue to be able to choose between either the Hurley or Akerman site for face-to-face appointments.

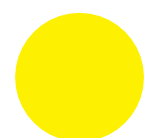
Waterloo Health Centre continues to operate fully from its bespoke modular accommodation on Lower Marsh. These premises were designed to specifications developed by the practice and by NHS South East London, and have ensured that both patients and staff have had a positive experience of their care setting, even though this has always been intended as a temporary arrangement while a longer term solution was identified in the local area.

Both practices keep their patients informed of developments through various routes including their patient participation groups, which are advertised on their websites and onsite also.

### **Permanent arrangements**

NHS South East London continues to work with both practices to put robust arrangements in place for alternative premises in the local area in the longer term.

The optimal long term solution, identified by both practices and supported by NHS South East



London, was to operate from shared premises in north Lambeth, with efforts focused over an extended period on identifying and acquiring a property within the catchment area for both practices. Unfortunately, we have learned that the owner of the property that had been identified has accepted an offer from another party, which does not include an option for a health centre to operate from the site. Both practices and NHS South East London are disappointed with this decision, given the positive discussions that had been held.

As a result of this latest development, plans are being progressed to enable Waterloo Health Centre to continue to deliver general practice services from their current modular building on Lower Marsh for a longer period of time. NHS South East London will continue to work with the practice to secure longer-term permanent premises over a period of five years.

For Lambeth Walk Group Practice, it is recognised that the interim arrangements are not ideal for a longer period of time. Therefore, NHS South East London is working closely with the practice to secure an alternative site that has been identified. This opportunity is developing at pace, and more information will be shared as soon as we are able. We are still working to the timeline of having new premises for Lambeth Walk Group Practice by the end of 2026 or early 2027.

If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

Yours faithfully



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