

## media statement

### KIRKSTALL HEALTH CENTRE

Dr Damian Riley, Director of Primary Care and Medical Director for NHS Leeds said:

“A recent review of primary and community care services in the Kirkstall area has highlighted no gaps in the provision of primary medical care services for local people. Feedback from our patients and through existing assessments shows that access to local GP practices is good and that they deliver high-quality services.

“All GP practices in the area have achieved scores in excess of 90% in the Quality and Outcomes Framework – the system under which GPs are rewarded for the quality of care they provide.

“In addition to this, GP practices in Kirkstall offer a wide range of enhanced services for local people such as minor surgery, contraception services and immunisations. Access to GPs is good with all local practices offering extended opening hours to their patients on at least one evening per week. This means that services are accessible and convenient.

“During our review we also looked at patient satisfaction. The most recent independent survey regarding access to Kirkstall GP practices shows average patient satisfaction rates of 82% for ability to see a GP within 48 hours, and 81% for ability to book ahead. These figures are in line with national averages.

“As part of our review there has been an ongoing discussion with local GPs and clinicians. The finding of this review is that it is not necessary to progress proposals for a new health centre in the area to replace existing services.

“We are committed to continuing to work closely with our primary and community care service providers to ensure that local people have access to high-quality community-based NHS services. This will mean that we can provide care closer to people’s homes where appropriate.”

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