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Changes at Beaumont Leys Health Centre

NHS Leicester City has signed a contract with The Practice, a nationwide award-winning healthcare provider, to operate the GP surgery at Beaumont Leys Health Centre.

Other healthcare services based at the health centre in Beaumont Leys are not affected.

The Practice has just been named Primary Care Provider of the year at the HealthInvestor Awards 2011, which recognise excellence and innovation in the healthcare sector.

The organisation is the UK's largest provider of primary care GP surgeries and now operates 60 GP surgeries across the country including eight walk-in centres and delivers more than 100 community based outpatient clinics per week. In the Leicester area it provides services at surgeries at Welford Road, East Park Road, Cross Street and Lockerbie Walk.

The Practice will provide GP services from Friday 1 July (2011) at Beaumont Leys. The organisation is recruiting a team of permanent GPs and a Clinical Lead GP. In the meantime some of the current GPs will be continuing at the site alongside long-term locums. NHS Leicester City would like to thank Dr Osama and Partners for providing a caretaker service since last October.

The GP team is keen to hear patient feedback and ideas through a Patient Participation Group it will be setting up at the surgery, to ensure patients' views and experiences are taken into account. At the same time it offers the opportunity to tell patients about proposed developments.

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Notes to Editors

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