

**HART
HEALTH
PARTNERSHIP**

FLEET MEDICAL CENTRE
& BRANKSOMEWOOD
GP SURGERY MERGER

MERGER UPDATE

Our Goal: To enhance and protect the provision of healthcare to our patients for the future

**Summer Update
2022**

**Fleet Medical Centre and Branksomewood Health
Care Centre will be merging on 1st April 2023.**

The new name of your merged practice will be:
HART HEALTH PARTNERSHIP

HOW WILL THE MERGER AFFECT PATIENT SERVICES?

We wish to hold fast to a traditional ethos of General Practice Medicine, using modern technology to meet demand to best effect. The merger won't fix the general challenges we face within the NHS, but it will help us to offer the best services we can with the pooled resources we have, within our small part of the NHS.

We anticipate that current patients at both surgeries will remain registered with their current GP, except where individual GPs are making changes to their working schedule. So you will continue to be looked after by the GP that knows you, your health issues and your family.

Our teams will remain in place but you might see them working over both sites, depending on the type of clinics they are doing. We are reviewing team skill mix and will continue to address any gaps in service, training needs and service provision.

You may be seen at either practice site, depending on what your care needs are and where clinics are running. Both practices have large car parks but we would encourage those who can, to walk or cycle to save parking spaces for those with mobility issues.

WHY ARE WE MERGING?

We wanted to see how our two surgeries could improve primary healthcare patient services by working more closely together.

It was clear upcoming changes in Branksomewood's building lease and GP partnership offered an ideal opportunity to merge both practices, securing their future. It puts us in a stronger position to ensure continuity of staffing, service development, and buildings, all of which are in the very best interests of our patient community.

A merger also allows us to build on our joint strengths and take advantage of the wider range of skills and experiences that a larger practice will offer. It also means patients can see their regular GPs and other staff they're familiar with.

WILL BOTH SITES STAY OPEN?

YES! We'll be working over **BOTH SITES** & you'll be looked after by **BOTH CURRENT TEAMS** of trusted doctors, nurses, allied healthcare professionals, reception & admin staff.

GET INVOLVED!

To ensure the merger process keeps patients' needs at the centre, members from both GPs' Patient Participation Groups are part of a Merger Working Group. These are six volunteers-patients from various backgrounds including members of HealthWatch and Hart Voluntary Action.

We're looking for two more patients to join this group. We'd love to include a parent of school-age children and someone from a minority community, to ensure a wider representation. To find out more, with no pressure to join, email FrimleyICB.HartHealthPartnership@nhs.net

We'll keep you informed of the merger process via newsletters, practice websites, and our new social media platforms now being set up.

ARE YOU CREATIVE?

COULD YOU DESIGN OUR NEW LOGO? EMAIL

YOUR DESIGN TO US BY 1/10/22 TO

[FRIMLEYICB.HARTHEALTHPARTNERSHIP@NHS.NET](mailto:FrimleyICB.HartHealthPartnership@nhs.net)

THE SHORTLISTED ENTRIES WILL BE PUT TO A

VOTE AND THE WINNER WILL RECEIVE A

£50 GIFT CARD.



Point your smartphone at the QR code (mobile: screenshot, save, & press QR) to be taken directly to our new **Facebook Page**. It's run by both practices' PPGs, with lots of input from the GPs and staff! *Please be respectful when interacting with the page* 😊

[Facebook.com/FleetBranksomewoodMerger](https://www.facebook.com/FleetBranksomewoodMerger)

Thank you to everyone who fed back via our survey in April. It's given us vital insight into what's important to you, how we can allay any worries you may have and how to plan future services