

Re-Opening Doctors Surgeries

“This Council notes that, due to Covid-19, a number of GP surgeries remain closed for face-to-face appointments and providing telephone or online appointments. In some cases, GP practices have closed and are currently operating services through another practice within the medical group.

This Council notes with concern that a number of community GP practices based within community developments remain closed, thus restricting the most vulnerable in our communities from having easy access to their regular medical services. Where treatment is needed, many elderly and vulnerable patients are using public transport to access the alternative surgery.

The Council agrees to write to the Health Minister and request that he urgently reviews the restrictions imposed on GP services, particularly within community settings, and to detail the necessary steps needed for GP surgeries to fully re-open.”

Proposer: Councillor Sarah Bunting

Seconder: Councillor Gareth Spratt

(To be debated by the Council)