

Stakeholder response from St David's Surgery.

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Dear [REDACTED]

St David's Surgery has worked with Solva Surgery over a number of years, on a shared cover basis through the week, on occasional use of each other's staff and in sharing attendance and support of Cluster and other events. In the longer term we at St Davids would have looked forward to a closer collaboration with a view to merging Practices in order to sustain GP services on the peninsula while maintaining the personal care that our patients so much appreciate.

At present, as a result of [REDACTED] retiring from Solva Surgery, it appears that the only options left available to the Health Board are managing the Practice or dispersing the list of patients.

As 1751 of Solva Surgery's patients also live in and nearer to St Davids Practice area, list dispersal which equates to moving to the nearest Practice, would mean 1751 patients moving to and registering with St Davids Surgery. Whereas we would like to help local patients get services locally, if the Practice population of 2600 patients were increased overnight by 1751 more then we would be overwhelmed and unable to continue to provide GP services.

Our Surgery premises are currently fully utilised, as are our staff and we do not have either the time or financial resources to procure extra space and extra staff to accommodate significantly more patients. This situation is further exacerbated by the retirement of two senior staff this year, [REDACTED] retires in May 2023 and Practice Nurse [REDACTED] retires in December. We are currently actively working to fill these gaps.

In summary, we believe that dispersing Solva Surgery's patients would be bad for them and disastrous for the patients of St Davids Surgery.

Thank you for your time,

Best wishes,

[REDACTED]  
GP, St Davids