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**Merger of Greenwood & Sneinton Family Medical Centre & The Dale Surgery to create
GreenDale Primary Care Centre**

These two GP Training Practices which are approximately 450m apart on Sneinton Dale have worked together informally over many years, they currently share a practice manager, Salaried GP, a practice nurse and reception staff. Dr Prit Chahal's retirement from the Dale Surgery after 25 years has been the catalyst for the two surgeries deciding to come together as one. This will be a two stage process, with a financial merger in September 2015 and then, after an extension to Greenwood has been completed, a full merger into one building in Summer 2016.

Whilst the care that patients receive at The Dale Surgery is second to none the building is not patient friendly, its not what patients expect and therefore needs a lot of money spending on it. We intend to create an extension on the side of Greenwood & Sneinton FMC which will house a dozen modern consulting rooms over 3 floors, crucially we will also be installing a lift from the car park to all floors.

We have also been incredibly fortunate to attract 2 young GP's into the two practices as partners they are Dr's Richard Boyce & Tom Metson Scott. Along with Dr Lisa Steiner from The Dale and Dr's Martin, Smith Layzell & Taplin we will have 7 partners in all to serve our patients.

Both practices are multi professional training practices and have a long history of promoting inner-city practice to foundation doctors and GP registrars attached to the Nottingham GP training programme. Many of these trainees go on to practice in inner-city areas, both locally and around the country. The merger will provide a practice which will have at least 5 approved GP trainers, who continue to promote the benefits of inner city practice to a variety of trainees and undergraduates in other healthcare professions such as medical students, nursing, pharmacy and even social care. This will continue with Dr Chahal who will still be working part time at Health Education East Midlands acting as a Training mentor. We feel that its right that we invest time in the new generation of clinicians.

Patients will benefit from the merger. There is an existing culture of innovation and motivation to address local needs. The population is diverse comprising old and new migrant populations who have significant and complex morbidities. There is a vision that the new practice emerging after the union will look to the new NHS 5 year plan. This will be enabled by developing and expanding the current premises not only to accommodate both practices, but also space to develop a more integrated service that will seek to bring secondary care resources and expertise to an area of increasing health needs.

If anyone requires any further information then please don't hesitate to contact Mark Shipston, Practice Manager.