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Cllr Bill Campbell
Via Email

04 March 2022

Dear Cllr Bill Campbell,

Thank you for your email of 16 February about the closure of Ryehill Medical Practice, on behalf of your constituents.

Whilst Scottish Ministers set the strategic policy for the NHS in Scotland, responsibility for service delivery rests locally with Health Boards and GP practices. Practices are contracted to provide general medical services by their local health board and not the Scottish Government. As such, Scottish Ministers are unable to intervene in the arrangements of individual practices, but they do expect satisfactory systems to be in place for the benefit of all patients.

I understand that the Ryehill Medical Practice has given notice of its wish to terminate its contract with NHS Tayside with effect from 30 June 2022. Patients who are registered with the Ryehill Practice should be reassured that the practice will continue to be fully operational up until 30 June, and they will shortly receive a letter from NHS Tayside to confirm this, and the next steps in the process. Information has also been made available to patients on the practice website, accessible at <https://www.ryehillhealthcentre.co.uk/>

When a practice gives notice to stop providing services, the Health Board has a responsibility to ensure that safe primary care services are provided. NHS Tayside and Dundee Health and Social Care Partnership are now working together to ensure that patients can access local GP and primary care services from 1 July 2022. The practice continues to work with NHS Tayside to plan a way forward, and updates will be given to patients, including via the practice website.

As I have mentioned, the responsibility for service delivery lies with NHS Tayside who you may wish to meet with to raise your concerns. This would be Jane Robbins, General Manager for Primary Care Services at NHS Tayside. You can contact her via email at jane.robbs@nhs.scot or by telephone on 01382 424179.

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Yours sincerely,

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