

NHS Board
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SAVE SALSBURGH GP PRACTICE PETITION

1. PURPOSE

This paper is coming to the NHS Board:

For approval	<input type="checkbox"/>	For endorsement	<input type="checkbox"/>	To note	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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2. ROUTE TO THE BOARD

This paper has been:

Prepared	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Reviewed	<input type="checkbox"/>	Endorsed	<input type="checkbox"/>
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by the Board Secretary.

3. SUMMARY OF KEY ISSUES

The Petition is as follows

"I the undersigned call upon the Scottish Government and NHS Lanarkshire to intervene and take action to save Salsburgh GP Practice from closure".

There are 630 signatures. The petition will be available for viewing through the Board Secretary.

The Chapelhall GP Practice, which leases a premises in Salsburgh, gave NHS Lanarkshire notice that it intends to close this surgery at the end of March 2020. The partners have concluded that it is not tenable to continue to provide services from the branch surgery. They have been trying to recruit a new GP for over a year without a single application. The GPs also advised that two out of four of their GPs are within three years of retirement and the continued viability of the practice can only be assured if the practice can recruit new GPs.

The local Salsburgh community have raised concerns about the possible closure.

NHS Lanarkshire has no control over the decision to close the branch surgery. GP surgeries are separate businesses that operate under contracts to deliver services for the NHS. GPs make their own business decisions about their surgeries.

However, while the decision to close the Salsburgh branch surgery has been made by the GP practice, not NHS Lanarkshire, senior representatives from NHS Lanarkshire attended a public meeting organised by Salsburgh Community Council on 18 February 2020 to explain the situation and answer any questions.

In addition, a further meeting involving senior representatives from NHS Lanarkshire took place with local elected members and representatives from Salsburgh Community Council on Friday 6 March.

However, we have now been advised that the Practice has closed the branch surgery.

4. ACTIONS FOR THE NHS BOARD

The NHS Board are asked to:

Approve	<input type="checkbox"/>	Endorse	<input type="checkbox"/>	Identify further actions	<input type="checkbox"/>
Note	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Accept the risk identified	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ask for a further report	<input type="checkbox"/>

Board Members are asked to note that:

1. The petition has been received;
2. The GP Practice has now closed the Salsburgh branch surgery.

5. FURTHER INFORMATION

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