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Dear Patient

**IntraHealth at Barmston Medical Centre, Westerhope Road, Washington, NE38 8JF**

We are writing to you as you are a registered patient with the GP Practice provided by IntraHealth Limited at Barmston Medical Centre, to update you on important information in relation to your practice.

The formal process to secure a long term provider of primary medical services to the Encompass, Barmston and Pennywell practices has now concluded. I am pleased to inform you that the new provider of the services is Sunderland GP Alliance Limited. The contract was awarded as a 9 year contract with the option to extend for a further 2 years.

Sunderland GP Alliance Limited is a Sunderland-based group of 46 GP practices who have come together to work in collaboration with their member practices and deliver healthcare to the people of Sunderland.

There will be **no gap in provision of services** from your current GP practice provider to the new one and you will **not need to take any action** as you will continue to be registered at the practice.

From 01 October 2016, you will be able to access services at the following sites;

The Galleries Health Centre, Washington, NE38 7NQ

Barmston Medical Centre, Westerhope Road, Washington, NE38 8JF

Pennywell Medical Centre, Portsmouth Road, Pennywell, Sunderland, SR4 9AS.

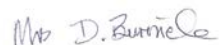
Whilst we appreciate there may be staff changes, we will work closely with Sunderland GP Alliance Limited and your current practice provider (IntraHealth Limited) to ensure as smooth a transition as possible both for staff as well as patients.

NHS Sunderland Clinical Commissioning Group would like to thank you for your patience and understanding throughout the uncertainties of the past year and hope you will welcome the new provider of your GP practice from 01 October 2016.

Healthwatch Sunderland is the statutory independent consumer champion for users of health and social care services. It listens to, advises and speaks up on behalf of consumers. If you have any concerns or would like to discuss anything in respect of GP services with

Healthwatch, please call 0191 5147145 or access the Healthwatch website <http://www.healthwatchsunderland.com>.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Mrs D. Burnicle'.

Debbie Burnicle  
Deputy Chief Officer  
Sunderland Clinical Commissioning Group