

East Craigs GP practice to change management this week

On 30 November East Craigs Medical Practice will remain open but it will not be run by the GP partners after that date.

According to a notice on the practice website the partners took this decision some time ago. They state:

As with a number of practices in Edinburgh, there are insufficient GP partners to both manage the practice and look after the patients.

For this reason, on 26th May 2017 the remaining partners were left with no option but to hand responsibility for management of the practice back to NHS Lothian. This notice will take effect on November 30th 2017.

On Friday 1st December, East Craigs Practice will be taken over by the Barclay Medical Group, a Glasgow based medical practice. You will see the same reception and nursing staff, and many of the same doctors. You should notice very little change in your care.

We have been proud to be partners in this practice

Drs Haining, Dixon & Stewart

Notwithstanding the fact that the doctors themselves say that patients should notice little difference, the local MSP and Scottish Liberal Democrat health spokesperson, Alex Cole-Hamilton, claims that there will be disruption.



He said: "I am angry and disappointed that services for people in a large part of Edinburgh are being disrupted. I have met the practice over several months with Edinburgh West MP Christine Jardine. They have been utterly failed by NHS Lothian.

"The Scottish Government had been staring the GP crisis in the face for years but its response has been weak.

"We know that the Conservative Brexit policy risks losing another 300 GPs so this is serious now and potentially catastrophic in the future."