



## TREATMENT ROOM SERVICES IN PRACTICE

Many of you will be aware that due to funding difficulties the practice had to make the incredibly difficult decision last year, to stop providing the Treatment Room service (dressings, stitch, clip removals). We had been delivering this service for many years, at a loss and this position was regrettably unsustainable.

We know that many of you have also had to travel to appointments over the past few months, some a considerable distance, to the alternative service put in place by the Commissioner, Lincolnshire ICB, which we appreciate was inconvenient and in some cases distressing. We also appreciate that the withdrawal decision for this service was as a difficult one for you to understand.

Over the past 6 months, together with our GP Federation, K2 Healthcare Ltd, we have worked hard to continue discussions and negotiations with the ICB to try and secure a fair contract for this service.

We and our colleagues at local practices, have always believed that the best place for our patients to receive wound management services is at their own surgery, so this was not a situation we ever wanted our patients to be faced with.

We are delighted to be able to inform you that those efforts have not been in vain as the ICB have agreed to recontract this service to us with at a fair and more reasonable level (from the 1<sup>st</sup> April), which we believe will make the service viable for us to offer.

What this means is that you will be able to book appointments for dressings, suture and clip removals with our nursing team again from the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025.

We hope that you will agree that this is a really positive outcome for our patients, and we thank you for your continued support throughout this period.

**We will be hosting Q&A sessions in practice if any patients would like to speak to the practice manager directly regarding the treatment room service.**

**Sleaford Practice Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March from 17:15 – 17:45**

**Heckington Practice Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March from 17:00 – 17:30**