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**NOTICE of FURTHER CHANGES in BARGARRAN MEDICAL PRACTICE**

I am contacting you at this time in relation to further changes which will take place in the Practice over coming months. You will recall that last year we wrote to you in May following the resignation of two of our senior GP's – Drs John Scullion & Lyndsey Borland. Dr Sarah Ross was on maternity leave at that time and following the birth of her son Samuel Dr Ross submitted her resignation also.

The past 6months have been an extremely challenging time and I'm afraid we have been unsuccessful in recruiting any new long-term GPs to work in the Practice. There is unfortunately a national shortage of GPs in Scotland at the present time and this situation has compounded our recruitment difficulties locally. Our staffing problems have unfortunately deepened over recent months and as a consequence I have submitted my own resignation to the Health board with a great deal of sadness because my position as Lead GP has become unsustainable. I would like to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt thanks and best wishes to all the patients and staff of Bargarran Medical Practice who I've worked with over the past 4years. It has been a privilege for me to serve the patients and community here in Bargarran over recent years.

As the remaining GP Partner in the Practice, my resignation means that the Practice will return to direct supervision by Greater Glasgow & Clyde Health Board **from Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March** this year onwards. The Health Board have given assurances the Practice will remain open and that it will continue to offer the full range of services which it does currently. Although there will be a change in Practice management I wish to emphasise that **GP, Practice Nurse & Health Care Assistant appointments, Prescriptions and all current services will continue to be available as normal and can be booked in the usual way via telephone, the Practice website and the Reception desk.**

On behalf of the Practice Team I would like to extend my thanks to you for your ongoing support and consideration towards the Practice during this ongoing time of change. We are hopeful that the planned changes will further assist the Practice to develop a new Partnership team in the future.

Yours sincerely,

Dr J-P O'Sullivan