



SPILSBY SURGERY

– CARE AS INDIVIDUAL AS YOU ARE –

REBUILD

GENERAL

PRACTICE

To our patients,

Let us tell you why we became GPs: To care for people. To care for our community. To care for you. We want to meet you, listen to you, and give the best care we can to you and to those you love. It may not feel this way in 2022, but it remains true.

The truth is that **General Practice in the UK is in crisis**. Not because of GPs, or the dedicated teams around them. It is because of decades of underfunding and largely neglect, broken promises by governments, and relative political disregard for you – our patients – that primary care is breaking. This is putting you – and us – at increased risk.

- There are now 2200 patients and rising for every GP in England
- Nationally GPs see more patients each day than is safe for you or them
- 9 out of 10 GPs thus worry that patients aren't as safe as they should be
- 1 in 4 GPs know colleagues who have killed themselves due to work pressures

This isn't your fault. But it isn't your doctors' fault either.

We can't turn a blind eye when many politicians are destroying the General Practice we all need. In 2015 we were promised

5000 new GPs. In 2019 we were told to expect 6000 more GPs. The reality is that **there are 1600 fewer full-time qualified GPs than in 2015**, whilst our population increases, lives longer, and deserves more complex care. The challenges of recruitment and providing GP care in rural Lincolnshire are greater than in many other parts of the country. In 2023 Spilsby Surgery will move to superb new premises, but we need healthy staff who can deliver safe quality care for you.

GPs across the UK are calling for more support to **Rebuild General Practice**:

- Government must deliver on its commitment of an extra 6000 GPs by 2024
- It must tackle the pressures causing staff to burn out and leave the job they love
- It should reduce GP practice workload to give us time to care and protect your safety

This is why we are writing to you. We want you to know what is really happening in England, in Lincolnshire, and in Spilsby.

We would be honoured and grateful if you would lend your support

- Please follow **@Rebuild GP** on Twitter
- Visit the Rebuild General Practice website at **RebuildGP.co.uk**
- Write to your MP **Victoria Atkins** or **Matt Warman** to ask that they personally commit to tackling the workforce and workload crisis in General Practice in their constituencies.

On **2nd August 2022 between 1pm and 2pm**, Spilsby Surgery will be holding a Microsoft Teams meeting with your Patient Participation Group and hopefully our Members of Parliament to discuss the future of General Practice nationally and locally. Numbers are limited. If you are a patient of Spilsby Surgery and would like to join us, please email your name to leccg.c83005@nhs.net by 1730 hrs on Friday, 29th July 2022 . We hope to talk with as many of you as possible.

Thank you for reading our letter.

Thank you for caring.



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