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Welcome to the first edition of the Akerman Update, the new regular e-bulletin which will keep you up-to-date with the latest news on services moving into the new Akerman Health Centre, Patmos Road, Lambeth, SW9 6AF.

We hope you find this information useful and value any feedback you may have. Please email [jblower@nhs.net](mailto:jblower@nhs.net) from NHS Lambeth, with any questions or comments.



Artist's impression of the Akerman Health Centre

## Summer Opening 2012

*Akerman Health Centre, 60 Patmos Rd, SW9 6AF*

The Akerman Health Centre is part of an extensive programme of health improvement and developments in Lambeth. This state-of-the-art centre is part of NHS Lambeth's vision to offer first class healthcare services. It will bring together under one roof a wide range of high quality healthcare services in a modern environment that has been designed to meet the changing needs of the local population. Due to open this summer, the Akerman Health Centre is currently just over half way through an 87 week construction period.

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## GP Practices

Three GP practices are moving into the Akerman Health Centre. These will remain as separate practices. Patients will continue to be registered with the same practice following the move. If you live in the local area and are not

registered with a GP, you can register with one of the GP practices moving into the Akerman Health Centre. To find out more about each GP practice, please use the links below:

[Iveagh House Surgery](#)

[Foxley Square Surgery](#)

[Myatts Field Medical Practice](#)



In addition to the three GP practices, a wide range of other services will also be provided by other local health and social care partners including; Guy's and St Thomas' Community Services, King's College Hospital, South London and Maudsley Hospital and the London Borough of Lambeth.

The new centre will benefit thousands of patients in the area. It will offer longer opening hours, a choice of appointment times and shorter waiting times.

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## Our Services

The Akerman Health Centre will be home to the following services:

- Three GP Practices
- Specialist clinics for long term conditions including chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, chronic heart disease, heart failure, asthma and diabetes.
- Complementary services such as foot health (podiatry), nutrition and health (dietetic), and screening to reduce undetected conditions.
- Diagnosis of heart conditions (ECG)
- Diagnosis of lung conditions (spirometry)
- Specialist clinical assessment services i.e. long term conditions, chronic heart failure, diabetes, heart failure and asthma
- Blood tests (phlebotomy)
- Mental health services including specialist outreach
- Substance misuse services
- Improved Access to Physiological Therapies (IAPT)
- District nursing
- End of life care including group bereavement support sessions and carer support groups.
- Children's health services i.e. school nursing, child speech and language therapy and early intervention health visiting
- Community matron service
- Specialist dentistry
- Staying healthy services i.e. weight management support, nutrition advice and stop smoking classes
- Adult and child social care

- Maternity services

To access services in the Akerman Health Centre patients must live in the London Borough of Lambeth. Patients are able to self-refer to the staying healthy services based in the centre i.e. weight management support, nutrition advice and



stop smoking classes. However, to access community health services in the centre patients will need to be referred by their GP.

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## Iveagh House Surgery

*based in Loughborough Rd, SW9 7SE*

The Iveagh House Surgery provides routine appointments for registered patients, urgent care and home visits for housebound patients.

The practice also offers the following:

- specialist diabetes service including appointments with the diabetic nurses, the chiropodist and the dietician
- a daily walk-in clinic for urgent care
- baby clinics
- travel vaccinations
- stop smoking services
- Saturday appointments
- acupuncture
- counseling
- drug and alcohol services
- access to sexual health walk in clinics available to both registered and non-registered patients.

Moving to the Akerman Health Centre will offer a welcoming and safe clinical environment for patients and staff. Dr Herman Lai said, “We plan to deliver all our existing services and will be developing new ones in consultation with our patients. The extra space will give us greater flexibility to ensure we are offering patients the types of appointments they need, at the times they most need them.

“All the same staff will be moving with us to the new centre so patients will still be able to see their regular doctor or nurse if they want to, and will recognise familiar friendly faces behind the reception desk.

We want to ensure we keep the best elements of our existing service whilst using the opportunity to make improvements and developments where there is a need”

Patients who would like to get involved in the plans can join the new **patient reference group**. More details are available on our website <http://www.iveaghhousesurgery.co.uk/> or ask any member of staff at The Iveagh House Surgery about how to join.

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## Foxley Square Surgery

*based in Myatts Field Health Centre, Foxley Square, SW9 7RX*

Foxley Square Surgery offers the full range of GP services including:

- telephone consultations for the convenience of patients with busy schedules
- online and email repeat prescriptions
- travel clinic
- contraceptive services
- confidential sexual health screening (including HIV)
- family planning
- smoking cessation
- health checks
- In-house counselling, dietician and weight management
- minor injuries
- management of chronic illnesses i.e. asthma, diabetes, mental health etc
- antenatal care
- postnatal mother and baby checks
- cancer screening

The travel clinic is open to both registered and non-registered patients. We cater for patients who have difficulties with English. Languages spoken by members of the practice include Polish, French, Cantonese, Urdu, Hindi and Spanish.

All the same staff will be moving with us to the new centre and so patients can still see their regular doctor or nurse if preferred.

Dr Abdul Mukadam said: “The move into the new centre will offer our service more space including a larger waiting room and reception area, more consultation rooms and extra storage. Moving into a modern environment will improve the overall atmosphere and experience for staff and patients.

“We are committed to the review and improvement of the services that we offer our patients. We will be working with patients to develop current services and introduce new ones that will benefit our patients.

For more information about our practice or to join our patient participation group, please visit [www.foxleysquaresurgery.com](http://www.foxleysquaresurgery.com).

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# Myatts Field Medical Practice

*based in Myatts Field Health Centre*

The Myatts Field Medical Practice offers routine GP services including the following:

- child immunisations
- travel vaccinations
- prenatal and postnatal advice and services
- contraceptive services
- chronic disease management
- stop smoking and lifestyle advice
- online registration
- online repeat prescription service
- telephone advice call back service
- weekly counseling sessions
- dietician
- Improving Access to Psychological Therapies (IAPT)

Dr Nandi Mukhopadhyay said, "Moving into the new centre will be a huge improvement for our service and will provide a comfortable and modern environment for both staff and patients. The practice will benefit from extra consulting rooms and storage space and with the move we hope to increase our patient list size and expand our services.

"All the same staff will be moving across with us to the Akerman Health Centre and we will also have our first trainee student GP from summer 2012 - now that we are an approved training practice."

To get involved with our patient surveys on the Akerman Health Centre then please visit <http://www.myattsfieldmedicalpractice.co.uk/>

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## Want to know more?

If you want to find out more about the Akerman Health Centre, you can visit <http://akermanhealth.wordpress.com/> for further information or email your questions to John Blower, our Patient Advice and Liaison Officer [jblower@nhs.net](mailto:jblower@nhs.net) or write to:

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