



Further to the press release issued by the Hopton and Stanton Surgeries on 26.04.16, the Hopton Dental Surgery and the owners of the premises would like to issue the following statement in response.

The retirement of Dr Andrew Hassan and the subsequent relocation of the medical services to a purpose built site within the village had been in negotiation for over 8 years.

Dr and Mrs Hassan (the owners of the premises) have worked tirelessly to try to accommodate the needs of the medical practice, securing planning permission to build an extension to the Avicenna site or offering to provide space within the current building using the staff common room as a medical consulting room.

Other options which have recently been offered are a porta-cabin in the surgery garden as a temporary measure whilst a permanent premises on the village hall site was being built, allowing the medical facilities to be continued in Hopton. All these options have been rejected by the partners of the medical practice. The expansion of the dental surgery has been in the planning for 5 years and the medical partners were aware of the need to find new premises since 2013.

Dr Hassan has spent his entire career ensuring the medical practice set up by his father in the 1960s has grown from strength to strength and provided Hopton and surrounding villages with high quality, well-run GP services. It is unfortunate that the current partners are unable to continue this provision in Hopton.

However, Hopton Dental Surgery management and The Hassan Family would like to reiterate that they have played no part in the decision not to proceed with new premises, and are very keen to see medical services continue in Hopton.

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