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## Exciting developments at Axbridge and Wedmore Surgeries

We are delighted to share some exciting news with our patients. Applications were recently invited for a national £102 million NHS England fund aimed at modernising GP premises across the country, supporting over 1,000 practices. This funding is primarily intended for refurbishment, reconfiguration, and more effective use of existing space.

We are very pleased to announce that Axbridge Surgery has been awarded 100% funding, and Wedmore Surgery 66% funding, to support planned reconfigurations. We are extremely grateful to the Wedmore and Axbridge Health Fund, who have generously agreed to cover the remaining 34% shortfall for Wedmore (£42,000), as well as the costs of equipping each new clinical room.

## Future-proofing the Practice

The reconfigurations will provide five additional clinical rooms at Axbridge and one at Wedmore. This will allow us to expand neighbourhood-based care in line with the NHS Long Term Plan, which emphasises delivering services closer to communities, rather than in hospitals. These changes will help ensure the practice is well-prepared to meet the needs of our patients now and in the future.

## Important Information about disruption

While we aim to minimise disruption, some changes are unavoidable:

- **Axbridge Surgery** will remain open throughout the works, which are expected to take up to 12 weeks and have started.
- **Wedmore Surgery** will be closed from Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> February for approximately 8 weeks while works are completed.

## Prescription requests from Wedmore

Wedmore Pharmacy has kindly agreed to accept written prescription requests on our behalf and will arrange delivery to Axbridge Surgery. We ask patients to order their medications in good time and to allow **seven** working days before returning to Wedmore Pharmacy to collect their prescriptions. This timeframe allows for processing, transportation, and fulfilment.

We would also like to remind patients that prescriptions can be ordered online via the NHS App.

We wish to reassure patients that we do not anticipate any reduction in appointment capacity during this time.

Thank you for your continued support as we embark on this exciting phase of development for our surgeries.

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