

# Community Bulletin

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## **Latest position on Millbrook Surgery**

We are pleased to say that agreement has been reached to secure the future of Millbrook Surgery.

The owner has agreed to sell the building to a property company that specialises in providing GP premises. Under current policy this is the only means of securing the surgery for the use of NHS services in the long term.

The arrangement means Millbrook will be leased back so Rame Group Practice can continue to provide care. The cost to the NHS is in line with the expectations of the district valuer, who helps safeguard taxpayer interests.

If the sale cannot be finalised by 1 April, then the current licence will be extended to make sure the doors stay open for patients.

Dr Lawrence Barnes, partner at Rame Group Practice, said: “We’re really pleased that a deal’s been struck on the surgery, because that means we can carry on providing care without any disruption. That makes life simpler for everyone.”

## **Keeping seasonal coughs and colds at bay**

‘Stay Well Pharmacy’ is a new advertising campaign from NHS England that encourages people, especially parents and carers of children under the age of 5, to visit their local pharmacy team first for minor health concerns such as sore throats, coughs, colds, tummy troubles, teething and aches and pains.

Community pharmacists and pharmacy technicians are qualified healthcare professionals, and are the right people to see if you need clinical advice, reassurance, over the counter medicines and even a private consultation room, should it be requested, to help safely manage a range of minor health concerns.

The campaign reminds people that local pharmacy teams offer fast and convenient clinical support with no appointment needed.

Your local pharmacies are:

- Millbrook Pharmacy in Millbrook
- Boots in Fore Street and York Road Torpoint
- Lloyds Pharmacy at Penntorr Health

You can find lots of helpful information on the dedicated [Stay well this winter pages on the NHS website](#) – search ‘Stay well this winter’.

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