



Community Treatment and Care Service

Important notice for patients at Lammermuir, Orchard and Tyne Medical Practices

From Spring 2020 there will be a new Community Treatment and Care (CTAC) Service based at East Lothian Community Hospital. This nurse-led service will provide a specialist range of services, some of which you may currently be more familiar with receiving at your GP practice.

Services will include:

- **Ear Care** – including removal of wax and ear checks before attending audiology appointments
- **Removal of sutures/staples** after operations or injuries
- **Injections** – such as vitamin B12
- **Wound care** – including management of leg ulcers or wounds after surgery or injury
- **Some blood tests** that may have been requested by your hospital specialist

Why is this service changing?

Changes to the arrangements between GP Practices and the Scottish Government have meant that some services will no longer be provided directly by your GP Practice. Instead, they will be delivered directly by East Lothian Health and Social Care Partnership and NHS staff.

What this means for patients

Patients will still be able to access services provided by expertly trained nursing staff. Patients will benefit from being assessed and treated in the excellent new premises at East Lothian Community Hospital. Your GP Practice will be kept up to date on your management, and involved in your care, should it be necessary. It's a new way of receiving care – one which helps us ensure people are able to see the right person at the right place at the right time, and one which we are sure the community will come to value.

What happens next?

Further details of the service will be available in due course and services will continue as normal for now.

Where to find us

Community Treatment and Care Service (CTAC)

East Lothian Community Hospital

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