

Notes from meeting with Doctors July 2014

The Croft Practice is located at surgeries at three locations:

The Croft Surgery, Barnham Road, Eastergate

Meadowcroft Surgery, Bilsham Road, Yapton

Flintcroft Surgery, The Street, Walberton

This group of surgeries looks after 11,000 patients across the three locations with six Doctors

The surgery buildings are freehold. The Croft Practice has also acquired 4.5 acres of land adjacent to the Croft Surgery Eastergate with the envisaged aim of expansion.

The Croft Surgery at Eastergate opened in 1993 with a patient capacity of 7,000 patients with three GPs in place. The two GP practice in Barnham closed in 2001 serving 4,000 patients, with majority of patients moving with Dr Speer to the Avisford Practice at Yapton. As people move into the Barnham area they trend towards the surgery at Eastergate. For that and other factors and given that they are using all available space within the location, the surgery is at capacity.

The Croft Practice's plans to expand the surgery at Eastergate will treble the building size, including a larger pharmacy, and increase patient capacity to circa 16,000 patients. The Five Villages Pharmacy in Barnham will continue as long as it is economically viable.

This expansion is subject to funding and agreement for future provision of funds to operate the practice over the next 25 years. This agreement has to be provided by the new body, NHS England with the previous Primary Care Trust not able to provide funding to enable the expansion plans.

The Croft Practice has had initial discussions with Linden Homes on the potential to link a development of 100 homes on adjacent land (in which the developer has an option to purchase with the current land owner) and with the land owned by the Croft Practice. This development may see the developer funding the building of new surgery buildings, subject not only to planning requirements but also NHS England providing tacit agreement to fund health provision to the local area by the practice for the next twenty five years.