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Dear Dr Crockett

The Aldeburgh Surgery

I write as Chair of the Aldeburgh Society to express our concern and that of our members at the level of medical provision now available to Aldeburgh residents.

I have seen your helpful video and the exchange of correspondence you have had with the Aldeburgh Town Council. I will be circulating a link to the video to my members.

I understand that while the Covid 19 restrictions remain in place the Peninsula Practice has decided to stop face to face care in Aldeburgh and to open for patients only in Orford. You are aware of the difficulties this presents for many of our members who are elderly and may not have access to transport or frankly be strong enough to make the journey. I understand Orford was chosen as a mid-point between Alderton and Aldeburgh (now the reach of the practice since the takeover of the Aldeburgh Surgery.)

Patients are also having to go to Ipswich for blood tests- a journey of 50 miles- when it seems the Leiston practice is able to provide blood tests in its carpark.

It is not just the elderly who are severely affected here it is also young families, anyone vulnerable and anyone dependent on public transport. I understand that some form of transport is now being arranged. Please may I have details to pass on to my members?

In light of all this please may I have your assurance that once the Covid 19 restrictions are eased you will resume full service in Aldeburgh- which after all has a population nearly five times that of Orford?

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

Katherine

Katherine Mackie, Chair of the Aldeburgh Society

cc The Rt Hon Therese Coffey MP

[cc Aldeburgh Town Clerk](#)