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Dear Patient

RE: Retirement of Dr Frey, Coniston Village Surgery, Wraysdale House, Coniston, LA21 8ER

Dr Katharina Frey and Dr Ahmed Abbas, who run Coniston Village Surgery at Wraysdale House in the village, have announced that, from 1 August 2025, they will hand back to the NHS their contract to provide general medical services at the practice. This is due to the retirement of Dr Frey and the practice being unable to recruit a new partner. NHS Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care Board now needs to make a decision on the future of the practice, and we want the views of patients to inform this decision.

There are several options for us to consider and these include attempting to find a new provider to run the current practice or asking patients to register with another local practice.

The current Coniston Village Surgery building is not owned by the NHS and while it has housed GP services in the area for a number of years, it does not meet the requirements we would prefer to use for modern healthcare settings.

The views of the patients are paramount in helping us make this decision. I would therefore like to invite you to provide comments to our online survey at www.lancashireandsouthcumbriaicb.nhs.uk/coniston by Friday 14 March.

We will also be hosting two drop-in sessions where you can give your comments to a member of our team. These will take place at The Coniston Institute in Yewdale Road. The sessions will take place on:

•   Tuesday 4 March, from 10am to noon
•   Thursday 6 March, from 2pm to 4pm

Staff from the local NHS will be on hand to hear your views and listen to any comments or concerns you may have.

We very much look forward to hearing from you.

If you need this letter in a different language or format, please let the practice know.

Yours sincerely

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