**RIVERSDALE SURGERY MINOR INJURIES SERVICE**

**Threat of de-commissioning**

Riversdale Surgery is currently commissioned to deliver a **Minor Injuries** **Service** to its 13,800 patients. This means we can and do attend to patients suffering from minor injuries which have occurred in the last 48 hours. These include such things as:

* Lacerations capable of closure by simple techniques
* Severe bruising requiring assessment
* Recent injury beyond simple domestic first aid or where stitches may be required
* Blows to the head where there has been no loss of consciousness

**This service is under threat.**

As from April 2016 there is a real threat that the Southern Derbyshire Clinical Commissioning Group (SDCCG) will de-commission this service and Riversdale patients will have to travel to Derby, Ripley or Ashbourne, where GP practices will continue to be commissioned when they need attention.

**The Riversdale GPs and Patient Participation Group are firmly against this move**

The Surgery has a good track record of attending to these types of injuries and of preventing patients having to attend Minor Injuries Units; in particular the Accident and Emergency Department at Royal Derby Hospital

**Call to action**

If you agree with us that the withdrawal of this service locally is a bad thing why not let your views be known to the decision makers and policy makers before it is too late.

You can write to the SDCCG at: Email: derbyshirepals@gemcsu.nhs.uk

Patient Advice and Liaison Service, NHS Southern Derbyshire CCG, Cardinal Square, 10 Nottingham Road, Derby DE1 3QT, or you can contact your MP: Pauline Latham – Pauline.latham.mp@parliament.uk