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### **REFURBISHMENT UPDATE - FRIDAY 17<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2020**

Dear Patient,

I am writing to update you on the plans for refurbishment of the surgery building.

NHS Grampian advised us yesterday that the move to The Croft Inn has been cancelled. This is because BT are unable to install our computer cabling within a timescale that would allow us to move there and get substantial work done on the surgery refurbishment before the end of the financial year.

The government funding for the refurbishment is only available for the 2019-20 financial year and time is now short to get the refurbishment underway in time.

**With the ongoing BT issues we had anticipated that the move might fall through, so this week the Glenlivet Practice has been in discussion with the Rinnes Medical Group to investigate the possibility of sharing their premises in Tomintoul until the Glenlivet work is completed. This building already has the computer access required for us to work, so we would not have to wait for BT to provide any services in order for the move to go ahead.**

This is obviously a very new plan and we are arranging for the two Practices to meet next week in order to discuss the practicalities of doing this, so at the moment I am unable to give you any further details on how this would affect surgery times etc. If we can get an agreed plan I will write out to you again. NHS Grampian are also working on what they would need to do to get our phones and computers on line at the Tomintoul Surgery.

The solution is not ideal for any of us, but we feel that we need to be pragmatic in order to save the refurbishment plan, and at the end we will have a much improved building for the Glenlivet Practice.

We would like to thank The Croft Inn for all they have done to support the move, it is disappointing that circumstances out of the control of any of us stopped it happening.

Thank you again for your patience with all the uncertainty of a moving date,

Yours Sincerely,

Kathy Cockman  
Executive Manager