

Premises Approval Relocation Application

Alchester Medical Group premises approval: relocation application

Explanatory notes (by NHS England)

Q1. What is this application for?

Alchester Medical Group has applied to be able to dispense to eligible patients when they relocate from Langford Medical Practice, 9 Nightingale Place, Bicester, Oxfordshire, OX26 6XX to its new premises at The New Bicester Health Hub, Former Rodney House, Private Drive off Graven Hill Road, Ambrosden.

A doctors' surgery can only give patients medicines prescribed by doctors and/or nurses at the practice if it has NHS England's permission.

These notes explain the process we follow when deciding whether to give permission.

Q2. Why have I been sent a copy of the application?

You are being invited to make comments on the application before NHS England takes a decision on whether the doctors' surgery can continue dispensing prescriptions to patients at its new premises. Any comments must be received before the end of the 45-day period mentioned in the letter.

Applications are not confidential. If you want, you may share details with anyone else who might be interested. They can also make comments within the same 45-day period.

Any comments we receive will be sent to the doctors' surgery. They will have a chance to respond to us about those comments.

When it comes to make a decision, NHS England will consider any comments it receives and any response to those comments from the applicant.

Q3. What would happen if permission is given to the practice to relocate and take the dispensing rights with them?

Local pharmacies may be able to appeal against the decision. Appeals are dealt with at national level by NHS Resolution.

If no appeals are received or if they are rejected by NHS Resolution, then the doctors' surgery will be able to start dispensing from its new premises when it relocates.

Q4. What if permission is refused?

Alchester Medical Group would be able to appeal to NHS Resolution

Q5. Where can I find more information?

For more information about how applications like this are dealt with, read Chapter 15 of the guidance available on this webpage:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/nhs-pharmaceutical-services-assessing-applications>