

## Media Information

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20 August 2004

### **PRESS STATEMENT**

Dr Williams and the PCT have reached agreement on the dispute which there has been between them about the responsibility for out of hours care for Dr Williams' patients.

Dr Williams has agreed to accept full responsibility for his patients at all times until the PCT is in a position to allow him and GP colleagues in the PCT area to withdraw from out of hours responsibility in accordance with new national arrangements.

The PCT will now be considering a new application from Dr Williams to provide care for his patients and it is likely that Dr Williams will resume the provision of NHS care to his patients from 8 am on Monday 6 September 2004. The PCT has written to Dr Williams' patients about these arrangements. In the meantime the temporary arrangements made for their care will continue.

Dr Williams has withdrawn his appeal to the Family Health Services Appeal Authority against the PCT's decision.

Both Dr Williams and the PCT recognise that this has been an unsettling time for Dr Williams' patients and are committed to working together to continue to make the needs of patients their priority.

No further statements will be made about this matter by the PCT or Dr Williams, or his representatives.

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### **Contact information**

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