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Teresa Fenech – Chief Executive
NHS Humber and North Yorkshire Integrated Care Board
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7 April 2026

Dear Teresa,

I am writing following the recent announcement from Reeth Medical Centre confirming that the practice is set to close on 29 May 2026, coinciding with the retirement of Dr Mike Brookes.

I would like to begin by recognising Dr Brookes' long-standing and dedicated service to the community. He is a highly respected and valued practitioner, and it is evident from the strength of feeling locally that he has provided consistent and trusted care to patients over many years. We all wish him well in his retirement and will reflect with appreciation on the service he has given.

The forthcoming closure of the practice is a matter of considerable concern, given its rural location and the role it plays in supporting access to primary care. The availability of a local medical centre is an important factor in ensuring that patients are able to access care in a timely and reliable way, and its loss will inevitably represent a significant change for those currently registered with the practice.

I would be grateful for further detail on the arrangements that will be put in place for existing patients. In particular, I would welcome reassurance regarding the continuity of NHS care and how this will be maintained. Clarity on the ongoing management of prescriptions, access to both routine and urgent appointments, and the handling and transfer of patient records will be important in ensuring that patients experience a smooth transition with no disruption to their care.

I would also welcome further information on the circumstances that have led to the closure, specifically in relation to the process undertaken to recruit a replacement GP. It would be helpful to understand what steps were taken to secure ongoing provision at the practice, the timeframe over which this process was carried out, and whether any alternative arrangements were considered in order to maintain services locally.

Finally, I would be grateful for guidance on the advice that should be provided to constituents at this stage. There is a need for certainty around the process going forward, including how patients will be supported through the transition, how and when further information will be communicated to them, and what they can expect in terms of future GP services provision in the area.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Rishi Sunak'.

Rishi Sunak
Member of Parliament
Richmond and Northallerton