

Anonymous Leaflet 1 Claims – A leaflet containing a number of claims about the proposed Health & Wellbeing Hub has been circulated. Please see the **facts** below.

#### This is about protecting local GP services

We are **local GPs** caring for over 15,000 residents in this community, since 1996.

! Willesden Green Surgery has the **least space**/patient in NHS Northwest London.

! Without a new site, the **GP practice is at risk of closure**.

#### Not a profit-driven project

✓ **Brent Council** retains **freehold ownership**.

✓ Community hall lease owned and run by a **not-for-profit charity**.

✓ The GP practice is funding most of the ~£8m cost, with no expected return on the NHS space for 30-40 yrs.

→ This is a long-term investment in local NHS services.

#### No methadone services

! The pharmacy **won't dispense methadone**.

! Only commissioned pharmacies provide this specific service.

#### Mental health services

! This is a standard GP practice, **not a specialist mental health unit**.

✓ Patients with severe mental illness at Willesden Green Surgery:

- Are a small number of the population (145 patients out of 15,000) and are stable and well supported.
- **No known incidents of violence** in the practice's **30yr history**.

✓ Specialist mental health crisis care is provided **elsewhere** (Park Royal).

#### Asylum Seeker Claims

✓ The GP practice currently has 2 patients under the NHS asylum seeker service (4 in 2024-25).

✓ This reflects the fact that there are currently no asylum seeker hostels in the practice catchment area.

✓ The anonymous leaflet refers to a 2023 vision statement, when a number of asylum seekers were registered at the practice. Since then, a dedicated NHS asylum seeker service has been introduced across North West London, significantly reducing registrations at the practice.

✓ Asylum seekers are **individuals seeking safety** and entitled to access NHS care, like everyone else.

#### Community Hall Use

✓ No larger than the current Gladstone Centre hall (~140sqm), used as a social centre from the 1940s until recently.

✓ We are not aware of any reported traffic or parking issues related to the current hall use in recent decades

✓ **Uses:** low-key wellbeing sessions, community activities, children & family activities

! Use will be considerate of residents, with capacity managed in line with local feedback

#### Traffic and Parking

✓ We understand concerns.

- A **full independent transport assessment** will be carried out
- This will model traffic and parking.
- Mitigation measures will be agreed with Brent Council and TfL

✓ Most patients live locally - walk, cycle or use public transport - with no issues at the current Anson Rd site.

#### Improving Safety of the Current Gladstone Centre Site

! The **current disused site attracts antisocial behaviour**. Engineers have reported evidence of **human waste** and **drug paraphernalia**.

! The **police** have received **14 calls** in last **6 months** relating to the site, including:

- A weapon related incident, fires, theft, drug dealing, rough sleeping

✓ The new hub will **improve safety**:

- A staffed, well-lit building
- CCTV and active use
- Designed to improve safety, with no evidence it will increase antisocial behaviour

Anonymous Leaflet 2 Claims – A second leaflet containing a number of claims about the proposed Health & Wellbeing Hub has been circulated. Please see the **facts** below.

**MYTH 1 - “£8m can be spent elsewhere on GP services”**

- ✓ The NHS funding is **ring-fenced NHS estates funding**:
  - It can **only** be used for GP buildings
  - It **cannot** be spent on other NHS services
- ! If not used here, it will fund a GP hub in **another borough** → **Keep this NHS investment in Brent**

**MYTH 2 - “Local GPs will be removed”**

- ✓ **No GP practices are being removed**
  - Willesden Green Surgery is **relocating along Anson Road**
  - **All other local GP practices remain**
- ✓ This **prevents the closure** of GP services at Willesden Green Surgery.

**MYTH 3 – “Patients will have to travel further”**

- ✓ Residents will have **shorter journeys** to their nearest GP
  - Currently **4 GP practices are clustered together** on or just off Walm Lane / Chichele Road.
  - The new site relocates one of these practices to an **area with no GP** within a 10-minute walk.
- ✓ This **brings GP services closer** to an area currently without a local GP.
- Image shows **current GP practices** (dark green labels).
- There are no GP practices within a **10-minute walk** (circle) **or 0.5 mile** (light green area) from the proposed Gladstone Centre site.



**MYTH 4 – “The park will be lost”**

- ✓ No loss of parkland
  - Built on the **existing Gladstone Centre footprint (brownfield site)**.
  - **No trees or green space will be removed.**

**Why This Site?**

- ✓ NHS requires **modern, accessible, low-carbon buildings**
- ! Shops/banks **do not meet NHS regulatory standards**
- ! Independent NHS review of ~20 local sites found this site was the **only viable option**
- ✓ A unique opportunity to integrate NHS services with community wellbeing facilities, including a community hall, wellbeing studios, a coffee shop and shared spaces for local activities, alongside the existing outdoor gym.

**Get the Facts & Share Your View!**

✓ For accurate **information** and to have your **questions** answered:

🌐 [www.willesdengreensurgery.nhs.uk/new-hub](http://www.willesdengreensurgery.nhs.uk/new-hub)  
✉ [nhsnw1.nw2brent@nhs.net](mailto:nhsnw1.nw2brent@nhs.net)

**✍ Follow-up Local Consultation**

**Tuesday 31 March** 6:00–7:00pm  
Cricklewood Library, Olive Rd  
**RSVP via QR Code (50 spaces) →**



**🗣 Online meeting**

**Wednesday 1 April** 7:30–8:30pm  
Microsoft Teams  
**Join the meeting via QR code →**

