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This practice was established in 1981 by Dr Alex Alexander. It was located on a 850 square metre block and the existing premises were converted to a Medical Centre with 4 Consulting Rooms. There is parking for 20 cars. It is well situated on a major road in a fast expanding area in the Western Suburbs of Adelaide.

This is the last of this type of practice in this fast developing area with huge growth potential due to new upcoming submarine project and great location on very busy road with no practices in immediate vicinity providing our type of care.

It has been operating continuously since that time and is the longest existing practice in the area having serviced tens of thousands of patients over the years.

In the first 15 years there were 3 full time doctors working from the premises as well as visiting specialists and paramedics including physiotherapists and podiatrists.

From around 1995 to 2017 it had 2 full time doctors working at the Medical Centre.

The Practice was always fully accredited from day 1 until 2016 but did not reapply in 2017.

At the end of 2017 one of the doctors retired which is why the centre is now being reorganized.

The practice is now fully paperless running Best Practice and has had an enormous list of patients over 37 years. However in the last 5 years it has a list of over 5000 patients listed on the data base.

The practice was fully bulk billing until the end of 2016 but in 2017 Dr Alexander completely stopped bulk billing in order to allow him to spend more time with his patients. Dr Turner continued to bulk bill but decided to retire at the end of 2017.

Plans were drawn up to modernize the practice including conversion to 5 Consulting Rooms after which it would be possible to bring up to 3 extra bulk billing doctors into the practice in order to satisfy patient demand.

Building alterations will commence shortly and the upgrade should be completed later in 2018.

Up until the end of 2017 this practice was able to offer Home Visits, but this is now not possible until more new doctors are recruited.

For the last 37 years this has been an old fashioned type of traditional Australian General Practice.

It has disregarded the trend that has developed with the big medical centres and as such patients prefer to come here when they can.

However the time has now come to bring this practice fully up-to-date in order to fully satisfied modern patient requirements.

Consequently this practice will undergo major development over the next few months.

Firstly building work will commence in March and continues through into May in order to expand the premises to allow for 5 consulting.

Immediately application will be made for re accreditation which should be complete by middle of the year.

This will allow the practice to employ a registered nurse and enrolled nurse to provide greater patient care.

This will include health care plans ,home medication reviews, referral to physiotherapist , chiropractors podiatrist and psychologist.

in addition the nurse will be able to collect blood dress wounds and do first aid as required.

There will also be a separate blood collection centre on the premises to enable patients to have their blood taken at more convenient times then is now currently possible.

There's no doubt that once the people in this area realise that Hendon Medical Centre is fully operational once again it will become the premier destination for healthcare in the Hendon area.

Last but not least we will then be in a position to reintroduce Bulk Billing back into the Practice.

