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Dear Patients

Like other GP surgeries around the country, we are facing unprecedented workload and financial pressures. This means that we cannot continue to provide all the services that we have offered in the past.

Historically, the practice has carried out blood tests for our GPs and also for other Healthcare professionals such as the hospital departments and consultants.

Each blood test we take is done at a loss to the Practice and we cannot afford the time or the money to subsidise other healthcare organisations.

We are doing this to help us to protect our own service at Seaside Medical Centre and perform the blood tests that our GPs need done for your care.

**The Eastbourne hospital phlebotomy department**, is there to offer blood test appointments for any blood tests requested by healthcare professionals outside of our surgery. Book via this link:

<https://www.esht.nhs.uk/service/pathology/phlebotomy/>

or telephone 0300 131 5560

**The Bexhill Community Diagnostic Centre** also has capacity to offer blood tests for all healthcare requests.

Book via this link:

[https://swiftqueue.co.uk/east\\_sussex\\_phlebotomy.php](https://swiftqueue.co.uk/east_sussex_phlebotomy.php)

or telephone 0300 131 5560

Our reception staff have no further information on this. If you do book a blood test appointment at the request of another healthcare organisation, your appointment may be cancelled.

Thank you for your understanding.

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