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### **Dental Practice to Split**

BUCKSBURN Dental Practice is to close. The surgery at Auchmill Road is not going to meet the requirements of the new Disability Discrimination Act which comes into effect next year, and it is not suitable for extension or conversion.

A search by partners Gordon Coull and Antony Visocchi for alternative premises in the area has proved fruitless and both dentists have reluctantly decided to close the practice and work from alternative locations.

Under the new arrangements most of Mr Coull's patients will be offered the chance to move with him on August 1 to his new practice at Albyn Place. Not everyone will however be able to move because of the numbers on the existing list he is taking over. Those patients will have the option of registering with other local dentists.

Mr Visocchi will continue to be available on a limited basis at Bucksburn until August 29, when he moves to set up a new practice at Banchory. His patients will have the opportunity to move with him, or re-register with local practices.

Letters are being sent to the practices 4,000 patients explaining the options open to them.

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