

# Gordon Macdonald MSP

March 2026 Newsletter



## End Of An Era For Edinburgh Pentlands



With the upcoming Scottish election in May, it is the end of an era for the Edinburgh Pentlands constituency.

After years of dedicated service Gordon will retire at the forthcoming election. Having won the seat in 2011 Gordon was returned as the MSP in 2016 and again in 2021.

It has been a privilege for the staff team (Amanda, Callum, Gavin, Lesley and Martyn, photographed) to work alongside him. The team have been proud as a group to support Gordon in making Edinburgh Pentlands a better place to live and work.

Gordon's retirement coincides with the retirement of Edinburgh Pentlands constituency. Due to the redrawing of constituency boundaries, Edinburgh Pentlands will officially

cease to exist, with the area transitioning into the new Edinburgh South Western constituency. While names and boundaries change, the spirit of this community remains constant.

Commenting Gordon said:

"I want to express my thanks to my team, past and present, who have been tireless in their support, and to all the residents, community groups, and stakeholders I have had the pleasure of working with. Your engagement has been the cornerstone of my work here. Thank you, once again, for the privilege of serving as your MSP."

### First Walk-In GP Clinic Opens



Gordon and Cllr Simita Kumar joined the First Minister John Swinney at the opening of the first GP walk-in clinic at Wester Hailes Healthy Living Centre, a significant step in the Scottish Government's efforts to strengthen primary care.

The First Minister opened the clinic which offers GP-led care on the same day without an appointment. The Scottish Government has invested £36 million into a pilot programme with a further 15 services established across Scotland.

Gordon said "I'm delighted that Wester Hailes Healthy Living Centre is the first of the pilot of seven-day walk-in clinics. This is a major milestone in providing over one million additional appointments at the right time and place for patients.

"By offering urgent care from 12pm-8pm, these services aim to build on progress such as rising GP numbers and falling wait times to further strengthen the NHS." For more information, please visit <https://services.nhslothian.scot/gps/walk-in/>.

### Office To Close

The constituency office at 9 Kingsknowe Park will close permanently on **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March** as we follow parliamentary protocol for the election period.

Gordon and his staff will not be permitted to take forward any new casework after this date, but staff will continue to provide support with casework opened prior to 26 March 2026.

For cases that remain unresolved, staff will provide an option to have the case referred to the incoming MSP to take forward post-election.

Overleaf, you will find a list of contact numbers and websites for organisations which can provide support and advice.



## Council Emergency Services (Out of Hours)

### Emergency housing out of hours team: 0800 032 5968

Provides urgent assistance for homeless individuals or those who cannot access their home safely at night or on weekends - <https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/homelessness>

### Out of hours social care services: 0800 731 6969 (or 0044 131 553 8286 from outside UK)

Known as the Social Work Emergency Service (SWES), this team handles urgent welfare concerns that cannot wait until offices reopen - <https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/social-care-emergencies>

### Unsafe buildings and emergency repairs: 0131 200 2000

Report structural issues that pose an immediate risk to the public, such as falling masonry or dangerous scaffolding. Report a Building Emergency - <https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/report-dangerous-building>

### Anti-social noise from neighbours: 101

For excessive noise (like loud parties or construction) during late-night hours, Police Scotland handles the initial report for non-emergencies. Reporting Noise Issues - <https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/noise>

### All other Council emergencies: 0131 200 2000 / 0800 032 5968

The main contact for urgent road hazards, flooding, or critical infrastructure issues within the city. Edinburgh Council - <https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/contact-us>

## Utility & Infrastructure Emergencies

### Electricity: 0800 40 40 90 / Power Cut: 105

Call 105 to be automatically connected to your local network operator to report outages or damaged power lines. SP Energy Networks - <https://www.spenergynetworks.co.uk>

### Gas leaks: 0800 111 999

The National Gas Emergency Service should be contacted immediately if you smell gas or suspect a carbon monoxide leak. SGN Gas Safety - <https://www.sgn.co.uk>

### Scottish Water: 0800 0778 778

Report burst water mains, loss of water supply, or sewer flooding on public roads and paths - <https://www.scottishwater.co.uk/help-and-resources/contact-us>

### Floodline: 0345 988 1188

Provides live flooding alerts and advice on how to protect your property during severe weather events - <https://floodline.sepa.org.uk/floodupdates>

## Health, Safety & Crisis Support

### NHS 24: 111

The non-emergency medical line for when your GP surgery is closed and you need urgent health advice. NHS Inform - <https://www.nhsinform.scot>

### Crimestoppers: 0800 555 111

An independent charity that allows you to report information about a crime 100% anonymously - <https://crimestoppers-uk.org>

### Police Scotland: 999 (Emergency) / 101 (Non-Emergency)

Use 999 if a crime is in progress or there is a danger to life; use 101 for incidents that have already happened - <https://www.scotland.police.uk>

### Alcoholics Anonymous: 0800 9177 650

A confidential helpline offering support and information for anyone struggling with their drinking habits - <https://www.alcoholics-anonymous.org.uk>

### The Samaritans: 116 123

Provides 24/7 confidential emotional support for people experiencing distress, despair, or suicidal thoughts - <https://www.samaritans.org>

### Scotland's Domestic Abuse and Forced Marriage Helpline (Women's Aid): 0800 027 1234

A 24-hour service for anyone experiencing domestic abuse or looking to support someone who is. Scottish Women's Aid - <https://womensaid.scot>

### Shelter Scotland: 0808 800 4444

Free helpline open Monday-Friday 9am-5pm for if you're homeless, about to become homeless (including sofa surfing or having no safe place to stay) or if you or someone in your home is vulnerable and at risk of harm - <https://scotland.shelter.org.uk/>

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Gordon holds open weekly surgeries for constituents every Friday at 10am.

The locations for these can be found at: <https://www.gordonmacdonaldmsp.info/surgery>

