Caldecotte Lake

ake death man named

35-YEAR-OLD MAN who rowned at Caldecotte ake over the weekend as been named James Casey, of Furzton, as swimming across the ake on Saturday with a riend but got into lifficulties and isappeared from sight. Police were called to the opular boating lake in he Walton Park area just fter 4.30pm.

The police helicopter, ogether with police fficers, ambulance and ire crews, carried out a earch of the area. His body was recovered rom the lake at 6.05pm. The death is not being

reated as suspicious, Ithough investigations nto the incident are

ontinuina. Anyone with information s asked to contact Milton evnes CID on 0845 8 505

An inquest was due to be pened this morning.

Thousands sign on at new city dentist

THOUSANDS of city people have registered with an NHS dentist thanks to mk news.

This newspaper was swamped with e-mails and phone calls from people after we reported last week how health chiefs admitted to keeping quiet about a new NHS dental practice.

Dental Works, based at Unit 1 Station House, Elder Gate, opened its doors three weeks ago and will take up to 7,000 NHS patients.

Before mk news broke the story, there were 4,000 patients on its waiting list and patients were being allocated at a rate of 500 a week.

In the space of a few days 2,500 places have gone leaving the practice only able to accept another 500 people.

MK Primary Care Trust (PCT) has also revealed a further 8,000 NHS dentist places will be available across the city within the next year.

Callers have been ringing the hotline number at the PCT but some have also contacted mk news who have said the line has ben continuously engaged.

But staff at Dental Works, who have now started to work over the weekends, have also been facing threats and abuse by people who have

been calling in at the practice. Dental Works boss Shahzad Naseem said: "This has put us under more pressure and the phone is ringing nonstop.



Dental Works' Shahzad Naseem

"Our staff have been working very hard and it has been chaos since the news appeared on the front-page of mk

practice and have started getting rude NHS patients. and giving our staff abuse.

abused. In fact if someone crosses the neighbouring PCTs." limit then we (dentists or GPs) have Anyone still wanting to register can the right to refuse to see them or call the hotline number on 01296 completely remove them from the list. 310102

queue and not to jump it because it is not fair for those people who have been waiting for months.

"The hotline system is still a good idea and we are very pleased with it." The PCT waiting list was also

overloaded and very busy. Spokesman John Evans said: "After the mk news story our telephone system hit melt down.

"We have taken more than 2,000 calls in the last few days from people wishing to be added to the waiting list.

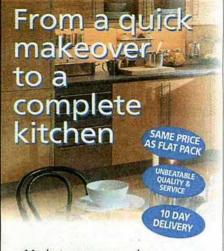
"We are sorry people had trouble getting through on the phone line and thank them for their patience. We have one person full time just taking messages from the line and updating our list and we are trying to be scrupulously fair about managing this.

The PCT has also revealed that one city practice is adding an extra part time NHS dentist soon and that will provide 500 more registrations.

"In the slightly longer term, hopefully within two months, a further surgery will be extending its practice and that is likely to mean "People have been calling in the places for between 2,000 to 3,000 more

"In fact the picture in Milton Keynes "The NHS does not pay us to get is now looking better than at many

"My advice to them is to join the saima.sabir@mk-news.co.uk



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