

Bradford on Avon Health Centre Newsletter



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Practice Merger

The "live" date for the merger between the All Saints Medical Practice and The Health Centre is 25th July 2011.

Routine doctors appointments will be held at the Health Centre, with some nurse-led clinics being held at St Margaret's Surgery.

There will be three "open house" events on
Monday 11th July 6.00-8.00pm,
Saturday 23rd July 9.00-11.00am
and at Winsley Health Centre on
Wednesday 13th July 5.00-7.00pm.

Please make use of this opportunity to familiarise yourself with the new layout of the surgeries.



Introduction of On-Line Services

We are pleased to introduce a new service which enables patients to order repeat prescriptions and cancel their appointments via the Practice website.

To register for this service please contact a member of the Reception team.

We are hoping to further develop this service to include the option of booking some GP appointments on-line too. Watch this space....



If you have an injury or an accident what should you do?

All patients are to attend Trowbridge Minor Injury Unit straightaway.

We do not have a Minor Injury Unit here at the Practice and therefore do not have the necessary equipment.

If you have any queries or concerns with the Minor Injury Service, please telephone PALS on 0800 389 7671 (Patient Advice and Liaison Service) who will be able to assist you.

Staff News

We are pleased to welcome Dr Faye Harrison, Dr Howard Tansley, Dr Nicola Butler and Dr Abigail Gee who will be joining the practice from the beginning of August.

Dr Erica Jackson and Dr Caroline Bartolo, our Foundation Year 2 Doctors, will be leaving the practice on 2nd August, we would like to thank them and wish them both all the best for the future.

We are also pleased to welcome two new dentists to our Dental Practice. Lorenzo Benfatto had already joined the team and Tara Brocklehurst will be joining us on 8th August.



Waiting Room Blood Pressure Monitor

Have you given our waiting room blood pressure monitor a try?

This allows patients to monitor their own blood pressure and automatically prints a reading, with the date and time, on a small slip of paper. This reading can be shown to the doctor or nurse at the beginning of an appointment.

Sickness Certificates

Unfortunately we are no longer able to provide self certificates which patients use to give to their employer during the first seven days of illness, in future all patients will need to obtain these from their employer or download a certificate via the internet. www.hmrc.gov.uk/forms/sc2.pdf

No One Has To Face Parkinson's Alone

If you or someone you know has just been diagnosed with Parkinson's you've probably got lots of questions and perhaps some worries.

Parkinson's UK is the biggest support and research charity. They provide information and support via a free confidential helpline, website and local groups.

For more information please contact the confidential **helpline on 0808 800 0303**

Monday to Friday 9.00am-8.00pm

Saturday 10.00am-2.00pm

Or visit www.Parkinsons.org.uk

One person in every 500 has Parkinson's. Most people who get Parkinson's are aged 50 or over, but younger people can get it too. Parkinson's UK is committed to finding a cure and improving life for people affected by this.

Please pick up a leaflet from the waiting room for further information

Feeling Stressed, Anxious or Depressed?

The Practice have a team of trained Mental Health Practitioners who are able to provide patients with support when going through a difficult period in their life.

If you are feeling stressed, anxious or depressed or you feel you are unable to cope, please ask a member of the Appointment Team to make you an appointment with a Mental Health Practitioner. There is no need to see a GP before making an appointment.

Practice Clinical Research/Trials

As a large progressive practice, The Health Centre has been involved with Clinical Research work for over fifteen years.

Dr Wyatt, Dr Gough and Dr Patrick are the lead GPs in this area and conduct research, supported by the Research Nurses and the other partners in the surgery.

At the Health Centre we are running research studies in the following areas:

- Diabetes
- High cholesterol
- Coronary Heart Disease
- Acute Respiratory Infections
- Urine Infections in Children Under 5
- Sore Throats
- Sinusitis
- Asthma
- Over-active bladder - urinary frequency/urgency.

We will also start recruiting to studies relating to other medical conditions shortly. Details of studies we are currently recruiting for appear on our Clinical Trials notice board located within the Health Centre and Winsley. These are updated on a regular basis.

If you are interested in finding out more about any of the studies please speak to your GP. Alternatively please contact one of our Research Nurses, Haley Faulds, Sally Barth or Cathy Shute and they will be more than happy to answer any questions you might have.