**NEWS FLASH SUMMARY**

**Appointments available from 7am on a Monday morning and to 8pm Tuesday & 7.30pm Wednesday evenings.**

**New Salaried GP’s recruited to increase appt availability, Dr Atherton, Dr Kaur and Dr Horn start from August.**

**See below for full details (Reception and prescriptions are only available from 8.30am to 6.30pm).**

**Extended Hours - EVENING and WEEKEND GP and Nurse Appointments are available Mon – Friday until 9.30pm each day and at weekends at a local surgery.**

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| **INFORMATION UPDATES NEEDED**  Your latest Blood Pressure reading and smoking status are essential for your ongoing care.  We now have **3 Blood pressure reading machines** which are **free to use** without an appointment. Please ask at reception and **update your results and smoking** **status via reception when you leave**.  **PLEASE UPDATE YOUR BP and SMOKING RECORDS TODAY! No appt req’d Ask at reception.**  Also help us by providing your contact mobile telephone number and Email addresses to update our records. Just let our receptionist know, Thank You. |
| **Update - Vaccinations Available**  **MEN B Vaccs** – All children born on or after 1.7.16 and are aged 2, 4 and 12 to 13 months at time of vaccination  **MEN ACWY** – Any young person born between 1.9.1998 to 31.8.1999 (2017 school leavers) plus anyone born on or after 1.9.1996 should speak to their GP Surgery.  **PNEUMONIA –** Now available to anyone age 65 and over plus anyone age 2 to 64 with a pre-existing medical condition or certain medical conditions. Please enquire at your GP surgery. |

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| **OPENING HOURS and SURGERY times**  Thank you for your feedback. The FFT responses tell us that you are still unsure when we are open and would like more convenient surgery times! In response we are now providing surgeries between the following extended hours.  **Please note we are only open between 7.00am and 8.30am and after 6.30pm for Pre Bookable appointments ideally for our working patients who cannot attend during the day.**  Monday 07.00am to 6.30pm  Tuesday 08.30am to 8.00pm  Wednesday 08.30am to 7.30pm  Thursday 08.30am to 6.30pm  Friday 08.30am to 6.30pm  Prescriptions and telephone lines are only available between 08.30am and 6.30pm daily.  **The ‘Extended Hours’ service supports the practice** **when we are closed with weekend and evening appointments – ask at reception**. **Whether it is simple advice you need or urgent medical support then you can also dial 111 for assistance. It is FREE to call NHS 111 service**.  The 999 service will still be available for emergencies only.  **Please note ALL appointments can be booked at least 4 weeks in advance and in some cases 6 weeks ahead.** |

Why not visit our website for up to date news/info

[www.allesleyparkmedicalcentre.co.uk](http://www.allesleyparkmedicalcentre.co.uk)

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| **Repeat Dispensing Update**  In order to reduce medication waste and NHS costs the practice has decided to phase out the use of repeat dispensing over the next 12 months. All future requests will be processed on a 28 day cycle. If you are housebound and require the use of weekly dosset boxes then this will remain unchanged. Your local pharmacist has been advised and can explain more. |
| |  | | --- | | **ORDER PRESCRIPTIONS ON LINE!**  Please note that it is also possible for you to order your prescriptions on line - Please see our website [www.allesleyparkmedicalcentre.co.uk](http://www.allesleyparkmedicalcentre.co.uk) for more details.  **A minimum of 48 Hours notice (2 working days) from order time to collection time is required.**  **Ask at your Pharmacy for details of the Electronic prescription service**  **Electronic Prescription Service – Live since March 2014** | |
| **BOOK TODAY - ASK AT RECEPTION**  **CYTOLOGY TESTS**  Together with HPV vaccination Cervical Screening provides the best protection against cervical cancer. Screening detects cervical abnormalities which, if left untreated, could develop into cervical cancer. **Women aged 25-49** are invited for screening every three years and **women aged 50-64** every five years.  **KEY FACTS**   * Over 3,100 women a year are diagnosed with cervical cancer * Over 850 women a year die from cervical cancer * 220,000 women a year are told they have some form of cervical abnormality * Cervical cancer is the most common cancer in women under 35   **Cervical screening saves lives – encourage the people that you love to get screened if they are overdue a test.**  **Don’t ignore your cervical screening invite. If you missed your last screening, book an appointment with your GP practice now.**  **For further information, please visit nhs.uk/cervicalscreening**  **SHINGLES vaccinations are also available.**  Ask about our shingles vaccinations if you are age 70 born on or after the 2nd September 1942 or born before 2nd September 1942 and Age 78 available until max age 80.  **GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME –** This project is aimed at patients age 65 or over. Volunteers provide befriending support to patients to tackle the issues of loneliness and isolation in the community. Speak to your GP if you feel you may need this extra support.  **BREAST SCREENING –** All eligible ladies age 50-70 are being invited for screening by Coventry Breast Screening Service. If you haven’t received a letter or are over age 70 then Tel 02476 967200 to book an appointment.  Further Info on line at www.bscreen.org.uk  **IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND YOUR APPOINTMENT PLEASE LET US KNOW (Tel 02476 674123 Option 2) SO WE CAN RELEASE IT TO SOMEONE WHO NEEDS OUR HELP, Thank You.**  **We lost over 100 appointments last month please help us to help you** |
| If you have any questions or queries please contact our Practice Manager, Kevin Arnold, or our Business Manager, Marie Luxmoore on 02476 674123 (Option 2).  General Contacts  NHS Walk in Centre (Stoney Stanton Road) 02476 246789  University Hospital (UHCW Walsgrave) 02476 964000 |