



NEWSLETTER – AUTUMN 2021



COVID-19 VACCINATIONS

To date 45,189 vaccinations have been administered at Weedon Surgery. 96% of the over 80s and 95% of those aged 70 to 79 have had both vaccinations.

We are making final preparations for the booster programme which we expect will begin later this month, in conjunction with flu vaccinations. However we await Government guidance.

If you would like to book your 1st dose of the vaccine or if you had your 1st dose prior to mid-July and would like your 2nd please give Weedon Surgery a call on 01327 340 212 and press option 4 for the COVID line.

MESSAGE FOR PATIENTS OF NORTHAMPTON GENERAL HOSPITAL

If you are a patient at Northampton General Hospital and have any questions or queries about an outpatient appointment, when your planned operation is expected to take place, or if you want to cancel or rearrange an appointment with the hospital, please contact their Outpatient Contact Centre on 01604 545555. We do not have access to the hospital booking system and will not be able to provide you with the information you need.

NUMBER ONE PRACTICE IN NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

Greens Norton and Weedon Medical Practice have recently been voted the top practice in Northamptonshire, according to the latest patient survey produced by Ipsos MORI on behalf of NHS England.

There were 252 survey forms sent out to patients at Greens Norton and Weedon Medical Practice. The response rate was 54%, with 170 patients rating their overall experience. Of these, 75 percent said it was very good and 21% said it was fairly good.

CANCER SCREENING

As a practice, we encourage patients to attend their cancer screening appointments. These include: cervical screening, bowel screening and breast screening.

All women and people with a cervix between the ages of 25 and 64 should go for regular cervical screening. You will get a letter in the post inviting you to make an appointment.

Everyone aged 60 to 74 who is registered with a GP and lives in England is automatically sent a bowel cancer screening kit every two years. The programme is expanding to include 56 year olds in 2021.

All women aged from 50 to their 71st birthday who are registered with a GP are automatically invited for breast cancer screening every three years.

For more information regarding cancer screening, please visit: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/nhs-screening/>.

COVID-19 GUIDELINES

We would like to remind our patients to continue to social distance. You must wear a mask when entering the practice building. Please stay at home if you develop symptoms of COVID-19.

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

At the start of April, we welcomed Dr Rabia Younas, GPST3, will work with us until the end of March 2022. At the end of May, we said goodbye to Kim Waldock, HCA, who has now retired – we would like to wish her a very happy retirement.

EXTENDED HOURS AND EXTENDED ACCESS

Extended Hours and Extended Access are currently suspended at the practice; this is due to the ongoing COVID-19 vaccination clinics. We are unsure when these will continue to resume as normal.

IMPORTANT APPOINTMENT INFORMATION

We are no longer booking telephone appointments in the first instance. You can now book face to face appointments with the GPs and nurses; however telephone appointments can still be booked if you feel your problem can be dealt with over the phone or you do not wish to come to the practice.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR OPENING HOURS

Friday 24 th December	Normal Hours
Monday 27th December 2021	CLOSED
Tuesday 28th December 2021	CLOSED
Wednesday 29 th December 2021	Normal Hours
Thursday 30 th December 2021	Normal Hours
Friday 31 st December	Normal Hours
Monday 3rd January 2022	CLOSED
Tuesday 4 th January 2022	Normal Hours

SURGERY CLOSURE FOR STAFF TRAINING

Both Greens Norton Medical Centre and Weedon Surgery will be closed on the following Wednesday afternoons for staff training. The surgeries will close at 12.30pm.

Wednesday 22nd September 2021

Wednesday 6th October 2021

Wednesday 3rd November 2021

Wednesday 1st December 2021

For urgent medical problems that cannot wait until we re-open please telephone the NHS Out-Of-Hours service on 111.