

# PRACTICE NEWSLETTER

Bradford on Avon & Melksham Health Partnership  
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## Latest News!



The Practice would like to welcome back Dr Bronte Vidoni (Associate GP) from maternity leave. We would like to thank Dr Paul Thorne for covering Dr Vidoni's maternity leave and are delighted that he will be staying with us for the foreseeable future.



This is always a busy time of year for trainee GPs in our practice. Congratulations to Dr Alice Beech on passing her final GP exams. We would like to say goodbye to Dr Beech as she leaves the practice at the end of August, we wish her all the best. Dr Shane Moran

moves to his final training year, and leaves the practice at the end of July. We have recently welcomed Dr Rebecca Atkinson back from maternity leave. We are delighted to be welcoming three new trainee Doctors in August; Dr Alice Pembridge, Dr Charlotte Tawse and Dr Natasha Butters.

## Improved Access: Evening & Weekend appointments

If a routine call or F2F appointment has been suggested by your GP, patients can now request an 'Improved Access' appointment at Bradford on Avon, Monday to Thursday, between 18:30-20:00. You are also able to pre-book nurse appointments during these hours.

There are also routine GP and nurse appointments available on Friday evening (18.30-20:00) and Saturday mornings (08.00-13:00) at one of our West Wiltshire hubs (Giffords Surgery, Melksham, Trowbridge Health Centre; Westbury Group Practice, or Southbroom Surgery, Devizes) on a rotational basis.

To book one of these routine appointments, please contact the Surgery during normal opening hours.

## Primary Care Networks

Bradford on Avon & Melksham Health Partnership have worked closely with our colleagues at SPA Medical Practice & Giffords Surgery in Melksham, in order to deliver a variety of initiatives (for example Leg Clubs), for some time.

The success of this joined up working across population sizes of up to 50,000 patients is the driving force behind the formalisation of Primary Care Networks.

Moving forwards our Primary Care Network will be known as Melksham & Bradford on Avon Primary Care Network (PCN) and will consist of Bradford on Avon & Melksham Health Partnership, Giffords Surgery and SPA Medical Practice. In the short term there will be no change. Over time additional resources will be recruited to work across our network. We will keep our patients informed as our PCN develops.

## Surgery Repairs and Renovations

Doctors and staff at the surgery would like to thank you all for your patience and understanding during the flood damage repair work. We replaced all waiting room floors and renovated several clinical rooms, upgrading facilities along the way. Dentalcare plan to move to new premises during the summer, this will lead to more renovations, allowing the Health Centre to increase its clinical space at Bradford on Avon Health Centre.



## Download the free MJOG app for secure communication with the Practice

If you are registered patient with us, over the age of 16 and have a smart phone, please download the free MJOG app today (from an App store/Google Play). MJOG provides a simple and secure channel for communication between the Practice and you, including:

- Appointment reminders
- One-click process for cancelling appointments
- Instant notifications from the Practice
- Private and secure messages
- Access to latest News & Campaigns



MJOG can be downloaded. It's really easy to use and there are no hidden messaging costs.

## PLEASE ENSURE THAT WE HAVE YOUR UP TO DATE CONTACT DETAILS

## FLU BOOKINGS AVAILABLE FROM SEPTEMBER 2019 - SUPPORT YOUR SURGERY



We are pleased to let you know that we will be starting our Flu Clinics in September. The flu vaccine helps to reduce the risk of influenza and all its complications for at risk population groups such as those with asthma, diabetes, pregnancy, young children and those above 65 years of age. **If you qualify for a free flu vaccine, please support us by booking your vaccination into one of our clinics;** at the Health Centre, or clinics run from our Leg Club venues St Margaret's Hall, Bradford on Avon and Spencer's Sports Club, Melksham.

### Patient

#### Participation Group (PPG)

The PPG is a group of patients and Practice staff who meet at regular intervals to decide ways of making a positive contribution to the services offered by the Practice.

Please join us for our next meeting at the Health Centre, Bradford on Avon, at 7pm Tuesday 17th September 2019. This meeting is the annual AGM, where the PPG Group will be looking for new members as well as appointing a new PPG Chairperson.

We welcome all of our patients to join this Patient Participation Group.

For more information on future meeting dates and topics to be discussed, please visit:

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



Patient Participation Group

#### TCOP

The Practice's Older Person's Team, are here to ensure that those older more vulnerable patients, feel supported and have access to the services/appointments that are right for them. If you have concerns about a vulnerable older person, or you yourself feel you fall into this category then please call the TCOP Team directly, your needs will be assessed, in conjunction with a GP and if an appointment is required you will receive a call back from the appointments team. (Please note this is a separate site, calls cannot be transferred to the appointments line). **Tel 01225 860812**

### Practice Boundary Change

**\*No change for Patients currently registered \***

Wiltshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) agreed to the Practice's request to change its Practice boundary in July. Our new Practice boundary, excludes areas such as Devizes, Calne, Corsham, Bromham and Rowde. Melksham remains within the Practice Boundary at this point.

It is important to note that this only affects new patients wishing to register with the Practice. Those patients who live outside of our new Practice boundary are still able to register, under the 'Out of area registration scheme' however, their Home Visits are not provided by ourselves, but an alternative provider. The new Practice boundary map is being updated by Wiltshire CCG and will be uploaded to our website as soon as it is available.