# Lets Talk about menopause supporting you through the change

#### **Our Aims:**

To offer an opportunity to learn about the menopause and ensure that you have access to the right advice in a supportive environment

To reduce wait times for women who are having symptoms related to menopause.

To enable you to share your own experiences & what works for you



### **Symptom Checker**

Anxiety	Oral Health	
	changes	
Low Mood	Thinning hair	
Depression	Dry Itchy skin	
	(fomication)	
Crying Spells	Tinnitus	
Brain fog	Restless leg	
Loss of Confi-	Change to	
dence	body odour	
Poor Concentra-	Increased al-	
tion	lergies	
Poor memory	Digestive is-	
	sues	
Loss of Joy	Headaches	
Reduced Self	Pain/aching	
Esteem	joints	
Irritability	Hot Flushes	
Palpitations	Night Sweats	
Difficulty Sleep-	Changes to	
ing	Periods	
Tired/Lack Ener-	Vaginal Symp-	
gy	toms	
Loss of Libido	Urinary Symp-	
	toms	
Dizzy/Faint	Breast Pain	
Dry Eyes /Ears	Burning	
	Tongue	



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Getting advice early can help reduce the impact perimenopause and menopause have on your health, relationships and work.



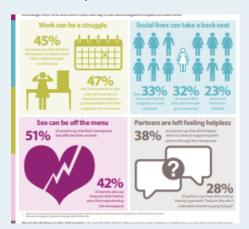
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- Menopause is when your periods stop due to lower hormone levels. It usually affects women between the ages of 45 and 55, but it can happen earlier.
- It affects anyone who has periods.
- Menopause can happen naturally, or for reasons such as surgery to remove the ovaries (oophorectomy) or the uterus (hysterectomy), cancer treatments like chemotherapy, or a genetic reason. Sometimes the reason is unknown.
- Perimenopause is when you have symptoms of menopause but your periods have not stopped. Perimenopause ends and you reach menopause when you have not had a period for 12 months.
- Menopause and perimenopause can cause symptoms like anxiety, mood swings, brain fog, hot flushes and irregular periods. These symptoms can start years before your periods stop and carry on afterwards.
- Menopause and perimenopause symptoms can have a big impact on your life, including relationships and work.



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#### Our facilitators

**Dr Charlotte Hart** 

Dr Vicki Phillips

Marta Szalpuk—Senior HCA

### What to expect from us

To start on time

To listen, care, & support you

Share information and advice

Provide you with a welcome pack

## What we expect from you

To arrive on time

Relax & enjoy the session

To respect others views

Confidentiality

#### Where, When & What?

Venue: Radbrook Green Surgery

**Time:** 6.30pm to 7.30pm

Date: Mondays (Dates to be advised)

#### **Agenda**

- \* Welcome, Arrival & Group Rules
- Menopause what is it, signs & symptoms
- \* Lifestyle
- \* What works for you
- \* Treatment options
- \* Opportunity to check height, weight and blood pressure
- What now?
- \* Reflection/feedback & close