WOLSTANTON MEDICAL CENTRE

PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP NEWSLETTER



Summer 2019

Primary Care Access Centres

Primary Care Access Centres have been set up to ensure everyone has easier and more convenient access to GP services, including appointments in the evenings and at weekends.

Local GPs practices are working together to offer patients better access to GP appointments in the following Centre's:

- Bradwell Primary Care Hub
- Haywood Primary Care Hub (Hospital)
- Leek Moorlands Primary Care Hub
- Longton Primary Care Hub
- Hanley Walk in Centre

This means patients will be able to see a GP or Practice Nurse at a time which is most convenient for them.

Appointments are available in most Hubs from 6.30pm-8.00pm Monday to Friday and 9.00am-4.00pm on a Saturday.

How to book an appointment

Patients need to contact their GP
Practice as normal. Ask the receptionist
to book an appointment at the preferred
Primary Care Access Centres. Please
share the reason for the appointment
with the receptionist as some
consultation types or treatment room
services cannot be undertaken. The
Receptionist will treat this in the strictest
of confidence and will be able to sign
post the patient to the most appropriate
clinician or service to meet your needs.

OUTLOOK

The North Staffs Ostomy Support Group

ANNUAL PATIENT DAY AND EXHIBITION

Saturday 26th October
11.30am – 4.00pm
Bradwell Lodge Community Centre
Bradwell Lane, Porthill, Newcastle
For more information email cm.hammond@ntlworld.com
Tel: 07788 402195 or 07788 107937

Manufacturers of stoma products, and National Association representatives will be present.

Academic General Practice (AGP)

Look out for these new Research studies recruiting participants from the practice;

- 'We've got your back' a back pain study
 - Panda-S a shoulder pain study

If you would like to know more about research, we are setting up a new Research PPG, if you are interested in joining please drop us an email to; academicgp.wolstanton@keele.ac.uk

Thanks for your participation!





What's new?

Care Navigation. Our
Receptionist are currently
undergoing training to become
Care Navigators. Receptionists
are trained to ask for a reason
for the appointment. They are
then able to sign-post the
patient to the most appropriate
clinician or service. Did you
know most Minor Ailments can
be dealt with at your local
Pharmacy? Local Dentists and
Opticians offer emergency walk
in appointments? Please ask
for details.

Why not join Wolstanton's Patient Participation Group (PPG)?

Meetings take place bi-monthly and all welcome!



Complete a PPG Contact Slip for more info...



This season our PPG Group have been finding out about...

Self Care and Over the Counter Medication

Did you know most common ailments can be treated at your local Pharmacy without the need for a prescription? Many treatments are now available over the counter without the need to see your GP. Your Local Pharmacists have been trained to prescribe treatment for many minor ailments including; headaches, hayfever, UTI's (women only), sore throats, cough and colds, minor sprains, minor back ache, insect bites, sun burn, infant colic, travel sickness, warts and verruca's. Please speak to a receptionist if you are unsure, they will advise of the best service appropriate for your needs. Some Opticians and Dentists also offer a walk in service. Ask for

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