

Craigshill Health Centre



March 2024 Newsletter

Surgery abroad without NHS referral

Considering surgery abroad?

We have noted several patients seeking surgery abroad. Please be advised that by choosing to pay to travel abroad for surgery NHS Scotland is under no obligation to provide pre- and post-operative care other than emergency care.

This includes blood tests or post operative reviews suggested by private teams abroad. For more details, please visit NHS Inform on the following link, or scan the QR Code below:



Decisions about surgery

The most important decision to make about any operation is whether it is the right one for you.

You should always talk to the surgeon who would carry out your operation about the best way to get the results you want.

To help you make an informed choice, you should ask:

- what are the benefits?
- what are the risks?
- what are the alternatives?
- what if I do nothing?

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Welcome Dr Temel

We are delighted to welcome Dr Temel who joins us until August 2024.

We are a training practice and support Doctors who undergo Specialist Training to become a GP.

Dr Temel is a qualified Doctor and will be training with us until August 2024.



We will be closed on the following days:

- Friday 29th March 2024 (Good Friday)
- Monday 1st April 2024 (Easter Monday)
- Monday 6th May 2024 (Early May Bank Holiday)

Fit to Work Notes (Med3)

Please note that it takes 2 working days to process a Med 3.

The IT system we use, does not allow for a Med3 to be printed in advance.

If you have a medical condition that requires urgent attention and cannot wait until the following day, please dial NHS 24 on 111



New Telephone System

We are currently working on a new telephone system in the practice.

This is scheduled for 27th March 2024.

Key features of the phone system are:

- **Call back** – you can join the queue, hang up and the system will call you back when you are next in the queue to be answered.
- **Call recording** – we will be recording calls for training and monitoring purposes.

Thanks to everyone for their feedback.

Spring COVID Boosters

A clinic will take place on:

Wed 24th April 2024

09:30 – 16:00

Eligible patients will receive a letter from NHS Lothian. Please bring your letter to the clinic if you wish to be vaccinated here in Craigshill.

This is a walk-in clinic – no need to call or book ahead.

Shingles and Pneumococcal vaccines will be on offer to those eligible.