## **GROSVENOR HOUSE SURGERY BULLETEN**

## Welcome to The Newsletter of Grosvenor House Surgery August, 2024

Welcome to the August'24 issue of the Grosvenor house Surgery bulletin, produced by the Grosvenor House Surgery to keep you informed about changes to the ways in which the Practice operates.

# **Accessing GP services**

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## How to contact the GP Practice?

If you have a health concern this bank holiday, contact your GP practice or use NHS 111 online for urgent medical help.



We encourage our patients to request appointments via the Accurx link, an online system that offers convenience for both patients and GPs. If you don't have internet access, you can still call the practice, and our reception team will assist you in completing the form. After a clinician reviews your request, you will be contacted to schedule an appointment based on the urgency.

### SYMPTOMS OF WHOOPING COUGH **EXHAUSTION** COUGHING FITS **LOW-GRADE FEVER** RUNNY **VOMITING** NOSE DURING OR AFTER COUGHING FITS **PAROXYSMS COUGHING FITS** APNEA BABIES MAY **FOLLOWED BY A** HIGH-PITCHED "WHOOP **IN BREATHING BABIES MAY** HAVE LITTLE OR NO COUGH

#### **Whooping Cough and Vaccinations**

Whooping cough is a bacterial infection that affects the lungs. It spreads easily and can quickly become serious, especially in babies under 6 months old. While whooping cough is less severe in older children and adults, it can still cause complications such as middle ear infections and leaking urine when coughing. Babies under 6 months are particularly at risk, with potential issues like dehydration, seizures, and difficulty breathing.

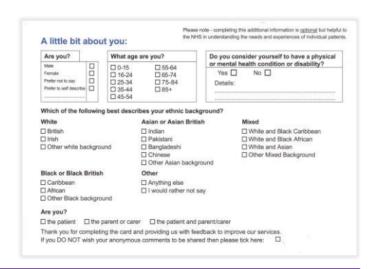
Vaccination is key to protecting babies and children from whooping cough. The vaccine is routinely given as part of the 6-in-1 vaccine at 8, 12, and 16 weeks of age, and as part of their pre-school booster.

For more information on whooping cough and the vaccination, visit <a href="NHS Whooping Cough">NHS Whooping Cough</a>.

Consider joining our **Patient Participation Group (PPG)** at Grosvenor House Surgery. This group brings together patients, carers, and GP practice staff to discuss practice issues and patient experiences, all with the aim of enhancing our services. Your input is valuable to us. If you're interested in making a difference, please contact us via email at **ppg.grosvenorhousesurgery@nhs.net** 

Have You Completed a Friends and Family Test (FFT) Feedback Form?





If you've visited the surgery, you may have seen feedback forms titled "The NHS Friends and Family Test" at the reception. If you can't find one, just ask a staff member. If we have your contact details, you might also receive a digital link to the survey after your appointment.

The forms are quick to fill out, completely anonymous, and they help us identify ways to improve our health services. For more information about the FFT, visit <a href="NHS Friends">NHS Friends</a> and <a href="Family Test">Family Test</a>



#### **Managing Your Asthma: Tips for Better Control**

Keeping your asthma under control is key to living well. Here are some steps to help you manage your symptoms effectively:

**Monitor Your Symptoms:** Pay attention to signs like coughing, wheezing, and difficulty breathing, which indicate that your asthma may not be well managed.

**Identify and Avoid Triggers:** Recognize the environmental or lifestyle factors that worsen your asthma and take steps to minimize exposure.

**Understand Your Inhalers:** Make sure you know how to use your inhalers correctly, including the differences between your preventer and reliever medications.

**Use a Spacer:** A spacer can help deliver medication more effectively, ensuring you get the full benefit of your inhaler.

**Regain Control:** Book your annual Asthma Review (ideally in your birthday month) with our Practice Nurse to review your treatment plan and adjust it as needed.

Taking these steps can help you breathe easier and keep your asthma in check!

Ealing Carers Partnership offer free support to carers in Ealing - Group & Individual Respite, Carers Café and much more. Full list of activities can be found on their website <a href="www.ealingcarerspartnership.org">www.ealingcarerspartnership.org</a> . To register your interest or find out more, contact <a href="info@ealingcarerspartnership.org">info@ealingcarerspartnership.org</a> or call 0203 137 6194. If you want to get involved? They welcome feedback and participation from Ealing Carers.