

Northfields Surgery

Welcome to the Spring Newsletter, April 2025



Child Immunisation

Children's risk of diseases like measles and whooping cough is rising. If children are not vaccinated, they are not protected. If your children's vaccinations are not up to date, you can book them in for this at Northfields Surgery.

If you have concerns about vaccine safety, an article by Emily Oster helpfully evaluates the evidence at the link below:

<https://parentdata.org/how-can-you-know-if-vaccines-are-safe/>

Travel Immunisation

Travel clinics, providing advice and vaccinations are available at Northfield Pharmacy, Mattock Lane Pharmacy and Bramley Pharmacy. They can advise on which immunisations are required and when for which travel destinations.

Forward planning. Some immunisations require 2 or 3 doses over time. Following administration of a vaccine, it can take several weeks for immunisation to develop fully. So, it is important to plan months ahead of your travel.

TravelHealthPro provides resources for travellers & health professionals

<https://travelhealthpro.org.uk/>



Immunisation

helps to protect your baby when they need it most

Immunisation helps to protect your baby against 17 diseases such as

- Whooping cough
- Septicaemia
- Meningitis
- Diphtheria
- Measles
- Tetanus
- Polio
- Rotavirus



Keeping up to date with vaccination protects your baby

See your GP, health visitor or practice nurse for details



helping to protect everyone, at every age

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Repeat Prescriptions

The NHS App is a useful means of applying for a repeat prescription if you just need to ask for medications that you request regularly. A list of these medications will appear on the App around the time you are expected to need to order more: you can just tick those you require. If you need to request a different medication, it is advisable to send an email to prescriptions.northfields@nhs.net. These emails will always be read and actioned while messages left on the NHS App may not always be noticed.

Importance of updating your details with Northfields Surgery.

If you change your name, address or phone number, it is important to notify the surgery by completing the feedback form on the Northfields Surgery website <https://www.northfieldssurgery.nhs.uk/practice-information/feedback-and-complaints/feedback/>. Alternatively, email admin.nav@nhs.net, send a letter, or speak to reception staff.

If Northfields Surgery does not have your up-to-date address, they may be unable to order services for you when needed such as X-rays or scans or other tests. Hospitals will check your name and address on a data base called Spine when services are requested and if the details do not match those which are provided by Northfields Surgery, the hospital will be unable to proceed. Please don't wait for an emergency before doing this as it may cause unwanted delay.

Feedback will be welcome on this Newsletter and **suggestions for future Newsletter topics**. Please click on 'Contact the Patient Group', at this link, <https://www.northfieldssurgery.nhs.uk/practice-information/patient-participation-forum/> & fill out the form. If unable to use the website, leave a letter with Reception addressed to the Patient Participation Group Chair, who will contact you.

This Newsletter was produced by Patient Participation Group (PPG) members & the Practice Manager & reviewed by the GP Partners before finalising & approval by all parties for distribution to patients & carers. We look forward to your feedback.