

Covid 2025 Autumn Booster

We will be working with Oakfield Surgery to deliver the Autumn COVID Booster campaign from the beginning of October.

Eligible patients this year are:

- **Adults aged 75 or over** – Invitations will be sent via text from Oakfield Surgery, with contact by other means of texting is not an option.
- **Residents in care homes** – These will be delivered by the Oakfield care home team
- **Individuals who are immunocompromised due to treatment or illness** - Invitations will be sent via text from Oakfield Surgery, with contact by other means, when texting is not an option.

Vaccinations will be given at Oakfield Surgery for the majority of patients.

- More information can be found at <https://www.nhs.uk/vaccinations/COVID-19-vaccine/>
- Alternatively you can contact the National Booking Service on 119 or via the website Book, change, or cancel a COVID-19 vaccination appointment online - NHS

Lung Cancer Screening Programme

We are pleased to announce that our surgery has joined the NHS Lung Cancer Screening Programme to help detect lung cancer earlier. As soon as we are live with this project, we will let you know!

Wellbeing for all

We have been working on a new Health and Wellbeing hub on our website. It's early days and in development but do take a look and see what's available at the moment.

If you have ideas for content, please email us at **bobicb-bucks.westongrove.patientnewsletter@nhs.net**

Patient Newsletter

Our monthly newsletter keeps you up to date with what is happening here at Westongrove and raises awareness of current health and wellbeing issues.

Opening hours

In accordance with NHS England's Enhanced Access standards, our doors are open 08:00-18:30, with phone lines available 08:00-13:00 and 14.00 – 18:30.

We also offer appointments in extended hours up to 8pm on week days and Saturday mornings 8am – 12noon.

Find out more:

 westongrove.co.uk
 @westongrovepartnership

Got an admin question or query?



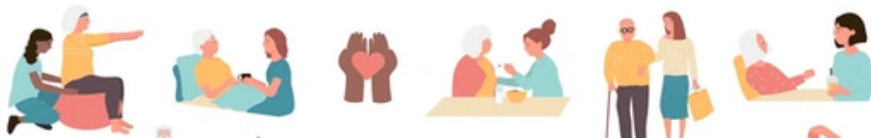
Please fill in our online form available on our website www.westongrove.com via the administration query box:

- Letters
- Referrals
- Changing your details
- Online access queries
- NHS App questions
- Forms
- Requesting information or telephone numbers.....plus lots more!

Are you a carer?

Did you know that there are over 6 million unpaid carers in the UK? A carer is anyone, including children and adults who looks after a family member, partner or friend who needs help because of their illness, frailty, disability, a mental health problem or an addiction and cannot cope without their support. The care they give is unpaid.

- Please let us know if you are a carer as we can offer additional support and help signpost you to services that may be helpful.
- You can look at the links below and use some info but please do include the one about registering a carer and the old one for people to find out more info
- <https://www.carersuk.org/help-and-advice/>
- <https://www.westongrove.com/clinics-and-services/register-as-a-carer/>
- <https://www.westongrove.com/clinics-and-services/carers-bucks>
- <https://www.england.nhs.uk/commissioning/comm-carers/carers/>



Cervical smear results are going digital

From September, NHS England will start sending results from the NHS Cervical Screening Programme, utilising the NHS App.

Patients who have a negative test result will be notified of this by an NHS App message. It will also appear as an NHS App notification. If the NHS App message isn't read within 72 hours, a letter will be sent as a failsafe. Abnormal result letters will continue for the time being to be delivered by post.

This change follows the successful rollout of digital invitations and reminders in June 2025, where since the launch, 9 out of every 10 invitations are being sent digitally, with the remainder being sent by post. If you haven't yet set up the NHS App you can do so [here](#).

Private Dispensing

Private prescriptions will now be dispensed at a minimum charge of £9.90 per item, in line with NHS services.

Please note some medications may cost more.

If you currently receive Private prescriptions from our dispensary, you can continue to have them dispensed here or you are welcome to take the paper script away with you, to find an alternative provider.

Please note we are unable to send private prescriptions electronically, however there are various online pharmacies available who do offer private prescribing services via online consultation



September hosts Macmillan's World's Biggest Coffee Morning, their biggest annual fundraising event.

As always, thank you for your generous support—please consider donating to Macmillan to help people living with cancer. Find out how you can get involved [here](#).

Practice training dates



BOB Integrated Care Board provides cover for all practices to close between 1-6.30pm once a month (except August and December) for team training.

Should you need urgent medical assistance between 1pm and 8am the following morning call 111 or 999 if it is an emergency.

The dates that we will be closed in 2025 are:

- Wednesday 15th October
- Tuesday 18th November

