



Pershire Medical Practice

PATIENT NEWSLETTER - OCTOBER 2025

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What were staff doing in September at the Practice?

Reception answered 3696 calls
Dispensary issued 16,389 medications
We received, read, actioned & filed 3784 tests
We offered 7218 appointments
We received, read, actioned and filed 4241 letters for patients
We traiged 3635 online requests
Sadly, we had **111** appointments wasted due to DNA's

If you find yourself unable to attend an appointment, please notify the surgery as soon as possible. This will enable us to use this time for other patients. Thank you.

Staff Update

We would like to let our patients know about some changes in our practice team. After many years of dedicated service, our Practice Manager, Jackie Evans, will be retiring. We are deeply grateful for her commitment and hard work, which have played such an important role in the smooth running of the practice and the care of our patients. We are pleased to welcome Ben Szulak, who will be taking over the role and looks forward to getting to know our patients and the wider community.

We also say farewell to our Assistant Practice Manager, Cath Gillespie, who will be leaving us at the end of September. Her support and dedication have been greatly appreciated by both staff and patients alike. We would like to wish Cath well for the next steps in her career. We are delighted to welcome Lauren Smit as our new Assistant Practice Manager, and we look forward to the fresh energy and ideas she will bring to the team.

Please join us in thanking Jackie and Cath for all they have done, and in giving a warm welcome to Ben and Lauren.

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Repeat Prescriptions

To re-order your medications please:

- Use the NHS App **OR**
- Pop the repeat ordering slip into the white post box by our front door which is accessible 24/7 (please note if used after 6pm Monday – Friday, it will not be processed until the next working day) or use the wooden box on the dispensary hatch.

Dispensing Patients: When picking up your medicines, you can ask to reorder them for the next month with one of our Dispensers.

Non-Dispensing Patients: Speak to your Dispensing Pharmacy or drop off your repeat slip with them.

'Hub' Appointments

We are pleased to update you that there is ongoing funding to provide a small number of extra GP appointments for patients in our PCN (Pershore & Upton surgeries).

These appointments are for patients presenting with minor illnesses who need to be seen that day, and are held in one location (a hub). They are additional to the 'same day' appointments already provided by each surgery and will help a little with winter pressures.

From 1st October these 'hub' appointments will be hosted at Pershore Medical Practice.

National Cholesterol Month

October hosts National Cholesterol Month. Did you know that 1 in 2 adults in the UK have high cholesterol? It's more common than you think – but that doesn't mean it has to be out of your control. **Be the boss of your cholesterol.** Take charge of your health with small, manageable changes that can make a big difference – from eating heart-friendly foods and staying active, to checking in with your GP. Knowing your numbers is the first step toward feeling your best.



Find out more or register today <https://www.heartuk.org.uk/national-cholesterol-month/ncm25>

COVID & Flu Autumn 2025

When Can I Get Vaccinated? From 1st September

- 2–3 year olds
- Pregnant patients
- Under 18 years old and living with someone immunosuppressed

From 1st October

- 65+ year olds
- 18–64 year olds with an underlying health condition
- Carers
- Household contact for those who are immunosuppressed

**The eligibility criteria has changed this year for COVID.
See the table to see what vaccines you are eligible for.**

Flu & COVID	Flu ONLY
Aged 75+ year old	65–75 year olds
Those who are immunosuppressed	18–64 year olds with an underlying health condition
	Carers
	Household contacts of those who are immunosuppressed

Once you have received your invite, please either book via the link sent to you, or get in touch with us to secure your jab!



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