

PARK LANE SURGERY NEWSLETTER



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WELCOME TO OUR PRACTICE NEWSLETTER

The latest changes to our Practice team:

Clinical Team

Dr Zoheb Ahmad and Dr Brandon Yeo have completed their GP training and taken up GP associate positions in the Manchester area. We miss them both and wish them well.

We have been joined by GP trainees, Dr Abdul Mueed and Dr Arun John.

Admin Team

You may have noticed a new face in Reception. Alice Noble is helping to cover any rota gaps.

FLU AND COVID CLINICS

The autumn vaccination programme is running throughout October and into November

All clinics will run 13.30-16.45 on the First Floor, WGMC

We will be sending out text messages/contacting those adults eligible for vaccination. Appointments will be made available at intervals as clinics go online.

***PLEASE SUPPORT PARK LANE SURGERY BY BOOKING YOUR JABS WITH US SO THE PRACTICE CAN
CONTINUE OFFERING THIS SERVICE TO OUR PATIENTS***

YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS PLEASE

We are making a concerted effort to obtain an up-to-date email address on everyone's record (except those patients who prefer not to use email). You may have received a text message asking you to update yours. We often communicate with patients via email so it is increasingly important that we have the right address for you. Some email addresses have remained unchanged on patient records for several years. If you believe your email address may be out-of-date please get in touch and we will amend your record if required.

Please remember to notify us of any changes to your email, phone number or address - these details are included in any referrals so need to be correct.

Thank you for your help in ensuring that Park Lane Surgery and the wider NHS can contact you.

Women's Health Clinic

A new service is available on the First Floor for patients who need an appointment for a contraceptive implant or intrauterine device (coil).

Clinics are run on a Friday by Dr Kristina Deakin and Sister Sandy Lea, Advanced Nurse Practitioner.

If you are interested, please submit your online request to us for triage in the usual way and a member of our clinical team will be in touch with you.

Friends of Park Lane Surgery

For many years we have had an active Patient Participation Group.

The group members meet 3-4 times a year with Dr Karen Hunter and Claire Bury, deputy practice manager, to review new services and discuss practice processes. This helps us improve the care we deliver.

UPDATE ON CHANGES TO THE CERVICAL SCREENING PROGRAMME

From July 2025, younger women (aged 25 to 49) who test negative for HPV - meaning they are at very low risk of cervical cancer over the next 10 years - will be invited at 5 year intervals for a cervical screening test rather than 3 yearly. This is in line with major clinical evidence.

Those whose sample indicates the presence of HPV or who have a recent history of HPV, (which causes nearly all cervical cancers) will continue to be invited to more frequent screenings to check HPV has cleared and if not, if any cell changes have developed.

The move follows a recommendation by the UK National Screening Committee, and is the approach already used for women aged 50 to 64 in England.

Since December 2019, all cervical screening samples taken in England have been tested for high-risk HPV, which is more accurate than the previous method of cytology testing (known as a 'smear test').

Studies have shown that if a person tests negative for HPV they are extremely unlikely to go on to develop cervical cancer within the next decade, leading to a UK National Screening Committee recommendation to offer more personalised intervals for women based on their risk.

Analysis of a pilot of this approach in England, led by King's College London researchers and published in the BMJ in 2022, showed that 5-yearly screening is as safe as 3-yearly, that the same number of cancers are found, and less frequent cervical screening tests are needed.

The NHS has rolled-out digital invitations and reminders for cervical screening via the NHS App, as part of a new 'ping and book' service to boost uptake and help save thousands of lives.

Eligible women will first receive a notification through the app to alert them to book a screening appointment, followed by a text message if the app notification isn't opened. Letters will remain in place for those who need them.

USEFUL NUMBERS

MDGH Switchboard
01625 421000

Health Hub, WGMC
01625 421000

Outpatient bookings
MDGH 01625 663333

Therapy bookings
MDGH 01625 661875

First Floor Clinic/
Phlebotomy WGMC
01625 264095

Social Services - 0300
1235010

Axess Sexual Health
0300 3231300 Opt1

OpenSAFELY – what is it?

You may begin to see mention of OpenSAFELY.

OpenSAFELY is a secure analytics platform used by the NHS to analyse electronic health records, enabling researchers to conduct statistical analyses while ensuring patient confidentiality. It supports monitoring the safety and effectiveness of treatments, understanding long-term health conditions, and improving NHS services. The platform was developed through collaboration between various institutions and is designed to facilitate rapid public health research.

For more detailed information, you can visit the official OpenSAFELY website.

<https://www.opensafely.org/>