



Mercheford House Spring Newsletter



March 2025

Welcome to the Mercheford House Spring Newsletter

As we step into spring, I'm sure we're all looking forward to sunnier days ahead. In this issue, we're shining a spotlight on the important role of Paramedics in General Practice, along with other useful updates and information. We hope you enjoy this edition and find it informative.

Spotlight on Paramedics in General Practice

You may be offered an appointment with a Paramedic Practitioner if you contact the surgery for help. Many of us associate paramedics with emergency situations—treating people at accident scenes or transporting patients to the hospital with sirens blaring. However, their role in General Practice is growing, and they play a vital part in ensuring patients have equal access to primary care services.

What do Paramedic Practitioners do in General Practice?

Paramedics have traditionally been linked to emergency care, but their skills are equally valuable in treating GP patients with acute medical needs. Their training allows them to assess situations quickly yet thoroughly, using their clinical expertise to make crucial decisions about immediate care.

Our paramedics have spent many years in front-line emergency roles before completing additional Master's-level training in Advanced Clinical Practice and Prescribing, allowing them to work within General Practice.



At our practice, Paramedic Practitioners:

- Provide urgent care for minor illnesses and acute conditions.
- Support patients with Long-Term Conditions who are also unwell.
- Offer telephone consultations, face-to-face appointments, and home visits for housebound patients.
- Take a holistic approach to care, working with patients to agree on a treatment plan.
- Can prescribe medication independently in some cases.
- Have direct access to GP support and advice when needed.

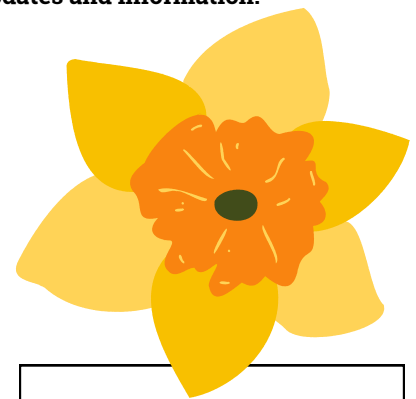
Meet Our Paramedics

We have three paramedics working within our Primary Care Network (PCN), each covering our practice one day a week:

- Owen – Prescribing paramedic
- Rick – Prescribing paramedic
- Sarah – Non-prescribing paramedic

Each of them holds clinics and conducts patient assessments, utilizing diagnostic skills and initiating investigations when necessary. They are highly skilled professionals who have undergone intensive training to provide safe and effective patient care.

Next time you're offered an appointment with a Paramedic Practitioner, rest assured that you're in capable hands.



In this newsletter you can expect:

Opening Hours
Monday - Friday
8am - 6:00pm

Triage hours:
8am onwards

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Here's some important updates and information you should know



Mercheford House Practice Closure Notice

Mercheford House will be closed on various afternoons for clinical governance and staff training. The practice will be closed from 14:00 to 18:00 and will reopen the following morning at 08:00.

Upcoming Closure Dates for 2025:

- Wednesday, 9th April
- Thursday, 15th May
- Tuesday, 17th June
- Wednesday, 16th July
- Thursday, 18th September

We will keep you updated as soon as any additional dates are confirmed.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

- If you require a doctor during these closure afternoons, please call 111.
- If you have a medical emergency, please call 999 immediately.

Thank you for your understanding.

Did you know?

Patients can now get treatment for seven common conditions directly from their local pharmacy, without the need for a GP appointment or prescription. This provides easy and convenient access to care when you need it.

HM Government NHS

PHARMACY FIRST
services available
without a prescription

For patients in eligible age ranges

Earache 1 to 17 years	Sinusitis 12 years and over
Impetigo 1 year and over	Sore throat 5 years and over
Infected insect bites 1 year and over	Uncomplicated urinary tract infections Women 16-64 years
Shingles 18 years and over	

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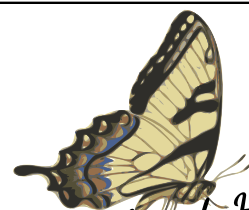
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