

COVENTRY ROAD PRACTICE NEWSLETTER - August 2024



Practice Website: www.coventryroadpractice.co.uk

RSV Vaccines

RSV vaccine is available for pregnant ladies who are 28-32 weeks pregnant and also those turning 75 years with a catch up of 75-79 year olds. RSV causes most cases of bronchiolitis (breathing problems) in infants, and in the elderly can be as severe as flu leading to hospital admissions and mortalities every year. This one off vaccine offers protection to the new-born via the Mum and to the elderly.

Primary Care Network (PCN)

Do you know what a primary care network? Coventry Road Surgery is part of North Solihull Primary Care Network.

See link for more information: <https://www.northsolihullpcn.co.uk/>

North Solihull Primary Care Network (PCN) consists of a group of 10 general practices in North Solihull who have agreed to work together to improve services for patients living in this area. We work alongside a range of local providers across primary care, community services, social care and the voluntary sector, to offer more personalised, coordinated health and social care to their local populations.

In addition, the PCN can recruit a more diverse skill mix into general practice through recruitment of roles such as pharmacists, first contact physiotherapists, social prescribers, paramedics and physician associates.

You may be offered an appointment with one of the above at the Practice.

North Solihull PCN is the largest single PCN in the Birmingham and Solihull area. We have 10 GP practices and 4 branch sites with a total population of 77,248.

Megan is our Clinical Pharmacist who supports patients and the surgery with the following:

She can help by:

- Reviewing your medicines.
- Agreeing and making changes to your prescriptions.
- Advising about medicines and possible side effects.

Social Prescribing

The Social Prescribing Service provides a link/intervention support to help improve the health and well-being of patients. Once the patient is referred, The Link Worker will contact the patient and talk through the referral to discuss what matters to them and support the patient with the next stages of support.

The Service provides support in many different areas such as benefits, food bank access, domestic abuse relationships, social isolation, housing (where we can help), community group access, recently arrived in the UK, low reported well-being, poor management of long-term conditions, substance misuse, financial hardship, Food/bank assistance.

If you think this could be helpful to you, please contact the surgery and we can arrange a referral for you.

NHS App/On-line Access

You can now use the new NHS App, a simple and secure way to access a range of NHS services and your GP account on your smartphone or tablet.

You can use the NHS App to check your symptoms and get instant advice, book appointments, order repeat prescriptions, view your GP medical record and more.

If you already use online access you can continue to use it. You can use the NHS App as well.

For more information go to www.nhs.uk/nhsapp

GP Training Practice

Please note - Coventry Road is a GP training practice. You may be offered an appointment with a GP Registrar.

Facebook

As you may be aware the Practice uses Facebook to promote services and it includes useful information regarding healthcare.

If you have any thoughts the Practice would be grateful for your input. You can follow us on:

<https://www.facebook.com/coventryrdpractice/>

Tea Party at Coventry Road Practice

We have a get together here at the Practice alternative Tuesdays at 1pm for our patients who are over 60. If you fancy joining us for a cup of tea, slice of cake and a chatter you are more than welcome. Please ask reception for more details.

Practice News

Diane Veal our long serving Practice Nurse will be retiring the end of September 2024. Diane has been a huge part of the practice for many years and she will be missed by us all here at Coventry Road Practice. We wish Diane all the best in her retirement and hope she enjoys a well earned rest and making memories with her family.

In other news, our other Practice Nurse Becky is expecting a baby. We all wish her huge congratulations and best wishes for the safe arrival of her new addition.