

# SPRING NEWLETTER 2024 Welcome to our new and improved newsletter

This will contain updates, information, any changes, events and will be updated quarterly. You will be able to find our newsletter on our website, facebook page or you can pick up a copy in reception

#### **OPENING TIMES**

Monday to Friday 8.30am – 6.00pm

We are closed.
Tuesday – Thursday
1pm – 2pm for training
purposes

Dispensary
Based at Abbeymead
Surgery

Monday – Friday 9am – 6pm Closed for lunch Monday – Friday 1pm – 2pm



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#### TELEPHONE OPTIONS

#### **TELEPHONE NUMBER - 01794 512218/ 517878**

ALL CALLS ARE ANSWERED AT ABBEYMEAD SURGERY

**OPTION 1** – CANCELLATION LINE FOR APPOINTMENTS
IF YOU LEAVE A MESSAGE, YOUR APPOINTMENT WILL BE CANCELLED, WE ARE UNABLE TO RETURN CALLS

**OPTION 2** – ROUTINE APPOINTMENTS & ENQUIRIES

THIS LINE OPENS AT 2PM – THIS IS FOR GP OR NURSE APPOINTMENT AND ANY ENQUIRIES

**OPTION 3** – ON THE DAY TRIAGE CALLS FOR ACUTE ILLNESS OR URGENT NEEDS IF YOU REQUIRE A CALLBACK ON THE DAY YOU NEED TO CALL BEFORE 11AM

PLEASE NOTE – WE DO NOT TAKE PRESCRIPTION ORDERS OVER THE PHONE. IF YOU ARE ENQUIRING IF YOUR PRESCRIPTION HAS BEEN ISSUED, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR PHARMACY FIRST TO CHECK.

PLEASE BEAR WITH US WE ARE AN EXTREMELY BUSY SURGERY AND ANSWERING THE PHONES ARE OUR PRIORITY.

#### **Prescriptions**

Our policy has changed, we no longer issue on the day repeat prescriptions.

We need at least 3 days before your prescription is due, to be able to process and issue them to your pharmacy, depending on your pharmacy policy, some need at least 7 days' notice.

Unfortunately, if you have forgotten to order your medication, we are unable to process this on the day.

You will need to contact 111 or go online and they will be able to supply an emergency prescription to tie you over until your repeats have been issued.

#### **Partners**

Dr Tracey Ryan, Dr Simon Lippiett, Dr Daniel Boaden, Dr William Fraser, Dr Anthony Mah, Dr Clare Hodgekiss, Dr Louise Evans

Practice No: J82145 VAT number 879128773

Would you like to be a member of our Patient participation Group (PPG)? Would you like to join the committee?

If you are interested in joining the PPG and receiving updates every 8 - 10 weeks, please go to our website and submit your details.

If you would like to be a committee member, you can submit your details with additional comments or your interest.

Our group attend a meeting every 8-10 weeks with the reception manager & Practice manager.

This is to discuss any feedback from patients they have received, things that are happening at the surgery, future events to be held and general information.

# Improvement works at Nightingale site.

We are excited to announce that improvement works will commence at the Nightingale site in the coming weeks. Part of the waiting room will be converted to provide two additional consultation rooms.

Works will be done during normal working hours, and there may be times when the waiting room is inaccessible from the main double doors. If this is the case, there will be clear signage redirecting you to the other door on the side of the building.

Appointment provision at both sites will continue as normal during works, and the Abbey Mead site will be unaffected.

We apologise in advance for any inconvenience (and noise) which this may cause. Thank you very much for your understanding.

### OUR WEBSITE www.abbeywellsurgery.co.uk

We update our website regularly and you will find all the information needed with regards to our services using the tabs at the top of the page. This includes eConsult for admin enquiries only, ordering prescriptions, updating your details, requesting online access, giving patient feedback positive or negative.

From 1st May 2024 the NHS prescription charge is £9.90 per item

£32.05 for 3 months
£114.50 for 12 months (payable by 10
Direct Debit instalments)
The HRT prepayment certificate will cost
£19.80 for 12 months

## **Covid Spring Boosters 2024**

We are holding a Covid Clinic Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2024 9am – 4pm Nightingale Surgery

Patients that are eligible will be contacted in the next two weeks to book an appointment via a booking link sent to your mobile phone/ email or you will be called. This is by appointment only.

Please do not contact the surgery with regards to covid vaccinations, if you are eligible you will be contacted.

Patient that are unable to attend the surgery and are housebound, will be contacted by the Community Team over this period

#### **NHS** criteria

There are three groups who are eligible for the spring booster: Adults over 75 years and over by 30<sup>th</sup> June: people in care homes: those aged six months and over who are immunosuppressed.