

## Top stories in this newsletter October 2021 Edition.



**Covid Boosters** Covid boosters are now available at Woodcross Health Centre. We are offering Pfizer vaccine to anyone eligible first or second dose or as a booster as long as it is 6 months since the date of your last vaccine. We are holding a walk in clinic at the above site:

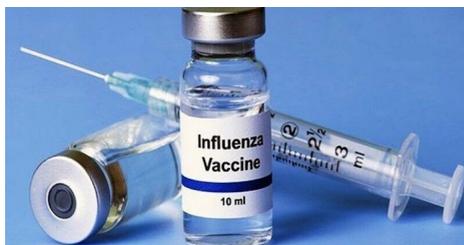
Monday 2pm—8pm Tuesday, Wednesday 10am—6pm and Saturday 10am—4pm

Please check for any changes with your practice.

### Appointments and Patients Access

Online access is available to order your prescriptions online. We are now offering some appointments online to see your GP at most sites.

You can still log in to gain access to your GP records and you can reorder your regular repeat prescriptions via the Patients Access platform so it can be sent direct to your nominated pharmacy. This will make getting your medication easier as we cannot accept repeat prescription requests direct over the telephone. If you do not have access please ask your GP practice for further information.



## Baby Immunisation



We are now offering vaccinations, 6—8 week baby checks and post natal checks at all of our sites. You will be notified when your baby is due for immunisations.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/vaccination-appointment-tips-for-parents/>

- Remember to take your Personal Child Health Record (PHCR) usually known as the 'Red Book'
- Dress your baby or toddler in easy to remove clothes as a baby under 12 months will have their injection in their thigh and a toddler will have it in their arm.

## Smear Tests



For information please view <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/cervical-screening/>

Cervical screening is now available at all sites. You will be notified by letter when you are due. Please book with your nurse practitioner for an appointment.

We are pleased to let you know that all sites are now OPEN

You are now able to see a GP face to face following a telephone triage from the doctor.

Our telephone lines are very busy. We are working hard to reduce your waiting times and increase the number of telephone consultations and face to face appointments we can offer .





We have face to face appointments with our nurses and HCA's at ALL sites. We are now running Asthma, COPD and Diabetes annual review sessions.

You will be notified by a team member to collect any relevant blood forms prior to your nurse appointment.

### **Ettingshall Medical Centre**

As from Monday 11th October 2021 Ettingshall will no longer be used as a Redzone. We will be offering face to face same day appointments to all patients who are unable to see a GP at their local practice. This will be by appointment only booked through your GP practice. This service IS NOT for any patients with symptoms of COVID.

### **Patient Engagement**

We now have dates for our PPG to resume across our hubs.

I will be contacting our regular members to invite you. It will be wonderful to see you all again.

If you have any suggestions on how we can improve our services or what you would like to see happening in our surgeries Anita Small would love to hear from you.





Dr Alison Johnson will be retiring from Parkfield Medical Practice in December 2021.

I'm sure many of you would like to wish her well. I will update you of the date and any plans that Parkfields have to say goodbye to a very valuable member of our team.

### **Facebook Group**

Our chair for Bilston Urban Village/Ettingshall has set up a group on social media to keep you informed of our meetings and what's happening. Its called The Patients Voice if you would like to take a look. We are looking to expand any of our PPG Groups. Please get in touch with Anita Small if you would like to know more about what we do.

Our PPG for BUV and Ettingshall will be held on Wednesday 3rd November 2021 face to face at BUV at 2pm. You can also join by teams if you wish to do so. Please let Anita Small and she will send you an invite to join.

Thank you everyone and stay safe !