

Ecclesfield Group Practice

STAFF NEWS

Dr Margaret Hackney has retired from the partnership after 28 years with the practice. However we are happy to say that you will still see her working at the practice whilst she covers some sessions due to Dr Bennett starting her maternity leave.



We have successfully recruited two new GP's; Dr Naomi Kaufman who started with us in June and Dr Alice Howlett who joins us in August. Dr Ted Turner and Dr Joanne Hazel have also been recruited by the practice since May of this year.

Nurse Helena Docherty joined the practice two years ago and sadly has left us for pastures new, we wish Helena all the very best in her new role. Nurse Clare Grierson will be joining us from September, some of you may remember Clare as she used to work with us about 10 years ago; we are delighted that she has decided to return to our Nursing team.

We would also like to thank our locum GPs who have worked with us through this very difficult time; Dr Mark Atkin, Dr Julie Hackney and Dr Aamir Khawaja.

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Useful Numbers

Northern General Hospital	(0114) 243 4343
Royal Hallamshire Hospital	(0114) 271 1900
Sheffield Children's Hospital	(0114) 271 7000
Weston Park Hospital	(0114) 226 5000
Charles Clifford Dental Hospital	(0114) 271 7800

Pharmacies

Lloyds Pharmacy (Mill Road)	(0114) 246 9383
Lloyds Pharmacy (Margetson)	(0114) 232 1741
Lloyds Pharmacy (High Green)	(0114) 284 8219
Lloyds Pharmacy (Firth Park)	(0114) 243 8533
Asda Pharmacy (Chaucer Road)	(0114) 294 4250
Asda Pharmacy (Chapelton)	(0114) 246 1146
The Wicker Pharmacy (Wicker)	(0114) 272 7676
Boots (Meadowhall)	(0114) 256 8011
Co-op Pharmacy (Thorpe Hesley)	(0114) 257 1557
LO Pharmacy (Chapelton)	(0114) 246 7320
Morrison's Pharmacy (Ecclesfield)	(0114) 246 6874
Rowlands Pharmacy (Bevan Way)	(0114) 246 2636
Well Pharmacy (Grenoside)	(0114) 245 0021
Seven Hills (Wincobank)	(0114) 242 5785
Pharmacy to U (Patient Line)	(0113) 265 02 22



IMPORTANT CHANGES at the practice...

Due to the covid pandemic, after a risk assessment we have had to make some changes to how the surgery operates. If you are dropping off a sample or prescription request, there are now drop boxes next to the main door, you do not need to come into the building for this.



When arriving at the surgery you will need to wear your own face covering at all times whilst in the building. You will notice we have on the outer door a **RED/GREEN; STOP/GO** system to ensure social distancing is adhered to. If the light is **GREEN** please enter the building and go to reception where there is a sneeze screen in place. If the light is **RED**, please press the intercom buzzer outside and wait for reception to help you. Hand sanitisers are available inside and we encourage patients to use these. The receptionist will ask you to take a designated seat in the waiting area, these seats are limited, so please do not arrive any earlier than your appointment time. Your appointed clinician will escort you to the clinical room wearing full PPE. **There is a short video on our Facebook page which you may wish to view.**



"We thank you for your co-operation and understanding at this difficult time, as we may take a little longer to deal with your enquiry, we realise waiting can be frustrating, but please be patient and polite to our staff"

COVER YOUR FACE

PROTECT YOUR SPACE



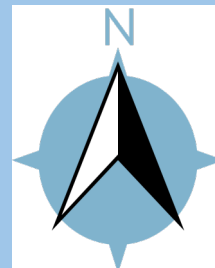
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Let's wear a face covering to protect each other.

NETWORK NORTH work done so far...

Network North Additional Roles

Our Network have two Pharmacists and two Social Link Workers. These roles are designed to help release valuable clinical time away from GPs to enable clinicians to see patients who have complicated clinical needs. Our link workers have provided excellent support to many of our vulnerable patients who have been shielding through this COVID pandemic. Our pharmacists offer valuable clinical support to our GPs around medication changes and discharge information from hospitals.



In addition we will have a First Point Contact physio joining this team from August. Whilst remote working is in place, patients will be offered a telephone consultation with our physio; we are really excited about working together and developing this role over the coming months.

Be Safe in the Sun

Sun damage doesn't just happen when you're on holiday in the **sun**. It can happen when you are not expecting it, for example when you go for a walk or sitting in your garden. **Sun** protection is something you need to be aware of every day in the summer, whether on holiday or at home you can protect yourself by following the **Sun Smart** messages.

Spend time in the shade between 11am and 3pm

Make sure you never burn

Aim to cover up with a T-shirt, hat and sunglasses.

Remember to take extra care with children

Then use factor 15+ sunscreen



Try the new NHS App

If you're a patient at our practice you can now use the new NHS App, a simple and secure way to access a range of NHS services 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 'SystemOnline' you can continue to use it. You can use the NHS App as well. For more information go to: www.nhs.uk/nhsapp.

The NHS App is free to download from the App Store and Google Play.



Polite Reminder

Can all patients who change their mobile and telephone numbers please inform us as soon as possible. We must also be informed of any change of address details.

Wash Your Hands



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