



Swallowfield Medical Practice

Spring Newsletter 2022

Covid-19 vaccination clinics run by the surgery have now finished. Anybody needing a vaccine going forward should call 119 or attend one of the walk-in clinics. You can locate a walk-in clinic via the following link:-

<https://www.nhs.uk/service-search/find-a-walk-in-coronavirus-covid-19-vaccination-site>

The Partners and staff at Swallowfield Medical Practice would like so say a massive thank you to the group of parking volunteers who have helped us with these clinics and for the support of everyone in the Swallowfield Parish Council. Finally, a big thank you from the Partners to the volunteer staff from Swallowfield Medical Practice – without everyone's support we would not have been able to make these clinics run as well as they did.

Thank you everyone

A **new GP** will be starting at the surgery from 15th February 2022.

Dr Claire Whittaker will be working all day Tuesday with Wednesday and Thursday mornings. It is anticipated that Dr Whittaker will be a long-term placement in the practice, and we would like to extend her a warm welcome.

The **Acute Illness Team** is growing. If you need an on-the-day appointment for a problem or condition that cannot wait, we have an extended Acute Illness Team who can help you. Please give the receptionists as much information as you can, as this will allow them to direct you to the most suitable clinician. Our team includes: -

Doctors
Paramedic Practitioners
Musculoskeletal Practitioners
Pharmacist

Your appointment may be with any one of the above clinicians.

[Dr W D Beacham](#) • [Dr R Prabhakar](#) • [Dr L A Dugmore](#)

If you have been added to a **waiting list for a Minor Op or an Injection**, we are currently putting in additional clinics and contacting patients on them. If you no longer need your appointment, please can you advise reception when they contact you? We aim to put some of these appointments on a Saturday as well as mid-week to help people who cannot get here Monday to Friday.

Family Planning. We are now running regular Family Planning Clinics specifically for IUDs / IUSs. We will be adding in regular clinics for implants in the future too. If you would like to know more about these and other methods of contraception, please visit the link below prior to contacting the practice.

<https://uk.mycontraception.com/>

The following link is to an app that you can download to a mobile phone, tablet, laptop etc

[Healthnote - Your Contraception Your Choice](#)

(please note, we do not have any affiliation with Bayer and other sources of information are available)



Here's to a healthy Spring for all of us

Bye for now

Helen and the Team
Swallowfield Medical Practice