

Yetminster Health Centre

NEWSLETTER

Spring 2022

Yetminster Health Centre
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Opening Hours

Surgery

Mon to Fri 8am to 6.30pm

Dispensary

Mon to Fri 9am to 6pm

Easter Opening Hours

Thurs 14th April 8am to 6.30pm

Fri 15th April – Closed

Sat 16th April – Closed

Sun 17th April – Closed

Mon 18th April – Closed

Tues 19th April 8am to 6.30pm

If you need any urgent medical attention when we are closed, please ring 111. For an emergency please ring 999. Please note our Dispensary closes at 6pm each day. Please order your prescription by Monday 11th April by 12pm to ensure sufficient time for our Dispensary staff to order any medication and process by Thursday 14th April 2022

Further changes worth noting is this year's Jubilee weekend

Jubilee weekend opening hours:

Thurs 2nd June – Closed Spring Bank Holiday

Fri 3rd June – Closed- Queens Platinum Jubilee

Sat 4th June Closed

Sun 5th June – Closed

Mon 6th June – 8am to 6.30pm

Welcome to our latest edition of the Yetminster Health Centre Newsletter.

Our aim continues to be to offer our patients a wide and appropriate level of information and advice relating to your health and wellbeing, issues affecting the organisation and updates on issues like the vaccination programs.

We're pleased to report that we now have an active Patient Participation Group (PPG) and with their support and input we hope you find this newsletter an informative and useful read.

We are looking for a Practice Nurse!

Due to the impending retirement in September 2022 of Valerie, we have an exciting opportunity for a part-time Practice Nurse to join us for approximately 22 hours a week, over 3 days. We have some flexibility to increase these hours depending on the right candidate. As a small practice we get to know most of our patients and have an excellent reputation with our mostly elderly population. Whilst we would like someone who is already a fully trained Practice Nurse with long term conditions skills, we welcome applications from individuals wishing to take that next step in their career and will provide training and support to assist you.

Staff Changes

In a related story we are sadly announcing that after 7 very happy years here, our lovely Healthcare Assistant, Liz has decided to retire! Whilst we can't conceive why she would want to stop working for us, we all wish her all the very best in her retirement and hope that she still drops in to see us. Liz leaves us at the end of April.

Following the sad news, we would like to announce that we are extremely excited to welcome Sophie to the team, as our new Healthcare Assistant. Sophie joined us in early March and will be working with Liz until she retires, so please do make her feel welcome.

Social Prescribing



YOU CAN SPEAK TO A SOCIAL PRESCRIBER AT YOUR GP PRACTICE

What is social prescribing?
Social prescribing assists the GP practice team to connect people with appropriate support for **non-clinical** needs such as:

HELPING PEOPLE TO LINK WITH LOCAL RESOURCES AND THEIR COMMUNITIES.

HOW TO CONTACT THE SOCIAL PRESCRIBING TEAM:
Ask to speak to the Social Prescriber at your GP practice or ask staff for more details

The Social Prescribing role is a comparatively new role within the NHS. Here is simple visual presentation of how the Social Prescribers could help you

Covid-19 Spring Boosters

Our Spring Booster clinic was held at the Digby Hall on the 31st March and the 1st April, we contacted our over 75- year-olds and immunosuppressed eligible patients by text, email, and phone calls. However, if you missed out because you either had a Covid infection within the last 30 days or missed our communication, please ring 119 and they will arrange an appointment at a Mass Vaccination Site.

Most patients have relatively mild Covid symptoms due to the successful vaccination rates, but if you are experiencing any severe symptoms please phone the Surgery and our GPs will be ready to advise and guide you.

PPG

The Health Centre now has an active PPG and they are looking for additional members. If you are interested in finding out how your GP practice works and about the health services it delivers then joining the Patient Participation Group could be for you See

<https://www.dorsetccg.nhs.uk/involve/ppg>

If you are interested please leave your contact details with Layla Ansar (Assistant Practice Manager) at layla.ansar@dorsetgp.nhs; . She will pass them onto the Chair of the PPG who will get in touch.

Contact Details

It's important the practice has the correct contact details, such as mobile and email addresses please email yetminster.reception@nhs.net to ensure they are correct.