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# **Practice Newsletter**

## **Spring Newsletter 2019**

### **Spring Bank Holidays 2019**

Easter is in April this year. The practice will be closed on Good Friday – 19 April 2019 and Easter Monday – 22 April 2019.

There are also 2 Bank Holidays in May 2019 and the practice will be closed on Monday 06 May 2019 & Monday 27 May 2019.

Please make sure that you have ordered your prescriptions with enough notice.

Our extended primary care service is available throughout the bank holidays. There are clinics running in the evenings and weekends and all of the above Bank Holidays. These clinics are available at Winifred Kettle Centre, Waters Meeting Health Centre & Royal Bolton Hospital. Please contact the surgery to make an appointment.

### **New Clinical System**

The practice will be changing our clinical system on 22 May 2019. The majority of practices in Bolton will either already be on the same system or are also in the process of moving over.

The practice envisages that by moving to EMIS web we will benefit from a more up to date clinical system and helps practices to work together in the future, as more NHS work moves into Primary Care.

During this time, all practice staff will be trained on the new system and may need to adjust our clinics accordingly in the week leading up to the change.

If you are registered to Patient Services online and use this to book appointments or request repeat medication, you will have to re-register once we have changed the system. We will contact you when you need to do this.

We would appreciate your patience during this time.

We will keep you posted with any updates that may affect you during this time.

## Patient Participation Group (PPG)

### *Would you like to have a say about the services provided at our practice?*

We currently run a virtual Patient Participation Group, which is done via email

We are going to re-launch our Patient Participation Group in the Spring and we would like to hear if you are interested in having the opportunity to look at ways in which your health care can be improved.

If you are interested, please email [bolccg.halliwellppg@nhs.net](mailto:bolccg.halliwellppg@nhs.net) with your contact details – Name, Date of Birth, email address, contact telephone number. If you are unable to access email, please contact the practice and leave the details with one of our reception team.

## Cervical Screening Campaign 2019

Public Health England (PHE), with the support of NHS England, have launched a new national campaign to encourage all eligible women to not ignore their cervical screening invite or if they have missed their last cervical screening, to book an appointment with their GP practice. If you have received have received a letter about being due for a cervical screening and have not had this done, please contact the surgery to arrange an appointment. One of our practice nurses can carry out the test or you can see a practice nurse in the Evening & Weekend Service, if you are unable to attend appointments during surgery hours.

It's not unusual for women to feel a bit uneasy about going to their cervical screening, however the thought is normally worse than the reality. The nurses will help to put your mind at ease and reassure you that screenings are nothing to be worried about and can stop you developing cervical cancer.

Please remember, Cervical screening saves lives, so do not delay and book your appointment today. Please also encourage the people that you love to get screened if they are overdue a test.

## Our Practice Website

Please visit our Practice Website - there is a lot of useful information on there about appointment bookings, latest news, prescription ordering, our clinics and services.

Please visit <http://www.halliwellsurgery.nhs.uk>