



# Dr Uddin & Dr Anwar Halliwell Surgery Practice Newsletter Winter Newsletter 2018/19

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If you require urgent medical assistance when the surgery is closed and cannot wait until the surgery opens, please call the Out of Hours service on 0161 7638940.

## **Reception Opening Times:**

Mon to Fri – 8.00am to 6.30pm

## **Xmas 2018 & New Year 2019**

Monday 24.12.2018 – Open as normal  
Tuesday 25.12.2018 – Closed  
Wednesday 26.12.2018 – Closed  
Thursday 27.12.2018 – Open as normal  
Friday 28.12.2018 – Open as normal

Monday 31.12.2018 – Open as normal  
Tuesday 01.01.2019 – Closed  
Wednesday 02.01.2019 – Open as normal  
Thursday 03.01.2019 – Open as normal  
Friday 04.01.2019 – Open as normal

Our extended primary care service is available throughout the Xmas/New Year period. 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. Please contact the surgery to make an appointment.

## **Extended Primary Care Service**

As a patient at our practice, if you would like to see a GP or Practice Nurse for a routine appointment in an evening or at the weekend, we are able to offer you weekday evening and weekend appointments at one of the Bolton GP Extended Access Hubs in Bolton. Bolton's GP practices have joined together, through their Federation, to offer appointments in the evenings and at weekends.

These appointments are with Bolton GPs and Bolton Practice Nurses and are available at via the Extended Primary Care Service provided by Bolton GP Federation on behalf of practices across Bolton. You can make an appointment to see a Doctor, an Advanced Nurse Practitioner or Practice Nurse in one of the Hubs in the same way as you book appointments with us, please contact the surgery to make an appointment.

Our hubs are:

- Waters Meeting Health Centre
- Winifred Kettle Centre
- From the 03.01.2019 at The Urgent Care Treatment Centre at Royal Bolton Hospital

## Dr Anwar returns from Maternity Leave

We would like to welcome back Dr Anwar from her maternity leave. She returns to the practice on Tuesday 18 December 2018.

Her working days are:  
Tuesday – morning clinic  
Wednesday – morning & afternoon clinics  
Thursday – morning clinic  
Friday – morning clinic

We would like to thank our maternity locum GPs who covered her maternity leave – Dr Idike and Dr Sonara.

## New GP Registrar

We will be welcoming our new GP Registrar, Dr Nakhuda, to the practice. He will be working with us for 12 months from late January 2019.

He joins our other GP Registrar, Dr Mistry, who has been with us since August 2018 for her 12 month placement.

GP registrars, are fully qualified and registered doctors, (they have passed out of medical school and completed their 2 years of preregistration in hospital and been admitted as fully registered doctors on to the GMC list.) All GP registrars must undergo 3 years GP training before they can become fully qualified GPs in their own right.

Both Dr Mistry and Dr Nakhuda are in their final year of GP training.

## Flu Vaccinations

This year's flu vaccination season has been challenging this year as there have been changes to the vaccinations. All patients aged 65 and over are now given a different flu vaccination to those patients aged under 65 in at risk groups. We would like to thank patients who have attended their appointments for their flu vaccinations already for their patience and co-operation.

If you are aged 65 and over or are under 65 but in a clinical risk group (asthma, diabetes, heart disease, stroke, pregnant) and have not yet had your flu vaccination, please contact the surgery to arrange an appointment.

## Missed Appointments

If you are unable to attend a booked appointment at the surgery, please contact us to cancel this appointment. GP practices are under pressure throughout the year and particularly during the winter period, this is because the demand for GP appointments increase substantially. If you cancel your appointment in a timely manner, we can offer the appointment to another patient.

If you receive text messages to remind you of your appointment, you can also cancel via text message. If you do not receive text message reminders and would like to, please update our reception team with an up to date mobile telephone number.

## 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.halliwellssurgery.nhs.uk>