

Willenhall Primary Care Centre 1

April/ May 2024

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HAVE YOU COMPLETED YOUR BOWEL CANCER SCREENING?



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For more information contact your local bowel cancer hub on 012345678

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COVID Spring boosters Patients who are 75 years of age or over (including those who are turning 75 as of the 30th June 2024) and patients aged 5 years and over who are immunosuppressed will be eligible for the Spring Booster. Invites will be sent out over the coming weeks. There are no confirmed clinic dates yet as we are still in the planning stages. If you are unable to wait till our clinics, then you can also visit the local pharmacies that are offering the vaccine.



REFERRAL LETTERS

Please could we remind patients that if you have had a referral made, and want to chase/change your hospital appointment, please contact the hospital directly to do so, rather than contacting the surgery. If you're waiting for a hospital appointment or treatment, you can use the My Planned Care website to check the waiting times at your hospital. <https://www.myplannedcare.nhs.uk> Please also note we also require at least 48 hours' notice for a private referral letters, and non-NHS letters may carry a charge.

Health reviews.

Every year the practice will invite patients to attend a review with either the GP or practice nurse for reviews for Asthma, COPD, Diabetes, Cancer and Dementia. If you receive an invite the you can either book via the SMS link or call the reception to book in.

These are to monitor how you are getting on and the make any amendments if required.

We also require up to date blood pressure readings, alcohol intake as well as smoking status.



Medication Reviews

To make sure you're on the best medicine for your needs, we undertake regular medication reviews. After a medication review, we may suggest changes to your medication to keep up with the latest guidance or advice.

- Ensuring Safety
- Effectiveness
- Side Effects
- Change of medication/doses



The practice will be closed on Monday 6th and Monday 27th May 2024 for bank holiday and will reopen as normal the following day.



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