



Stethoscope

Great Harwood Medical Group PPG Newsletter

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Great Harwood Health Centre

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We would like to welcome:

Laura Carty—First Contact Physio

Jo Henshaw—Mental Health Practitioner

Alishia Bentley—Trainee Associate Psychological Practitioner





Minutes In Brief from April 2022 meeting

- * The group thanked Dr Gauge for her attendance
- * The Practice Manager answered various questions; Chronic Disease check-ups, appointments, travel vaccines, covid boosters (more details can be seen within this newsletter).
- * Update from CEO of Hyndburn Leisure Re: Mercer Hall
- * A sample of our first professionally printed 'Community Activity Booklet' was circulated.

1000 copies to be ordered and distributed through; GPs, Midwives, Baby Clinic and other groups within the Health Centre where appropriate, also local libraries.

An advertisement will appear on the back page for anyone to get in contact if they wish to appear in future editions.

The Group/booklet shall be publicised through local press etc.

- * Dr Tyagi was praised by a patient for his caring manner.
- * Next Meeting Tuesday 19th July 1.30pm



Return to Normal Service Levels

As Coronavirus pandemic restrictions have lifted the practice has now returned to prepandemic service levels.

To continue to protect our patients and staff we still ask that you wear a face mask and use the handgel provided on entering the health centre.

We are offering face to face, and telephone appointments which can be booked in person, by phone or online using one of the health apps.

If you have a long term condition which needs a review we will be in touch throughout the year to book an appointment.



COVID-19 VACCINE

If you have received a letter or text message from the Government to book a Covid vaccine / booster please phone 119 or book online at the gov.uk website. The practice are no longer involved in the vaccination programme.

If you have any queries regarding your vaccination status or need any documentation for travel purposes please phone 119 who will be able to help.

GP and nurse appointments are now available in your area during the evenings and at the weekend. To book an appointment, contact your practice.

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More GP appointments for East Lancashire residents

The extended GP access scheme means you can make an appointment by telephone or face to face to see a GP or practice nurse, from 6.30pm to 8.30pm at night on weekdays and from 9am to 5pm on a Saturday.

The system has been set up by local GPs working collectively to improve access to GP and practice nurse services. The appointments available in these extra weekday and weekend hours are in addition to the usual GP surgery opening hours from 8am to 6.30pm.

The GPs will be able to access your full medical record and history to enable a thorough assessment and course of treatment. It also means that your record will be updated which will provide continuity of care. Appointments are being made for GP and nurse consultations from extended GP access hubs at Great Harwood Health Centre and The Acorn Centre, Accrington.



Have Your Say.....

We at the Patient Participation Group believe that it is important the patients of Great Harwood Medical Group



have their say.



Do you have anything you wish to pass on! Maybe; an observation or something you think needs looking into or praise for a job well done.

Let us know what you think – your opinion matters

You can email ghmg@nhs.net