

FRIARSGATE FOCUS

Autumn 2017

Opening times for
Christmas and New
Year 2017



Main Friarsgate Weeke

Monday 18th December Normal Hours
Tuesday 19th December Normal Hours
Wednesday 20th December Normal Hours
Thursday 21st December Normal Hours
Friday 22nd December Normal Hours but
CLOSED BETWEEN 12:00-13:30
Monday 25th December 2017
CLOSED Christmas Day
Tuesday 26th December 2017
CLOSED Boxing Day
Wednesday 27th December Normal Hours
Thursday 28th December Normal Hours
Friday 29th December Normal Hours
Monday 1st January 2018
CLOSED New Year's Day

Badger Farm Surgery

Monday 18th December Normal Hours
Tuesday 19th December Normal Hours
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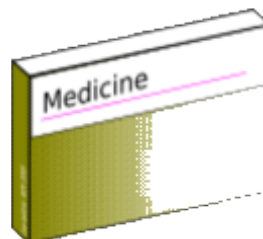
CLOSED New Year's Day

If you have any medical concerns while the practice is closed please call:

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Christmas Medication Supplies

The Friarsgate practice will close for Christmas on Friday 22nd December 2017 at 18:30 and reopen on Wednesday 27th December 2017 at 8am.



Please make sure you have enough medication to last you over this period. Any medication you require for the Christmas period must be requested at the practice by

Tuesday 19th December 2017.

Electronic Prescriptions sent directly to the pharmacy must be requested by

Wednesday 20th December 2017.

This is to guarantee we can process them all before the holidays.

Don't forget its Flu vaccination season!

If you have been contacted by the practice but, have not yet booked an appointment please get in touch with us to arrange an appointment time on 01962871730.



Comings and goings

The Friarsgate Practice welcomed Dr Elizabeth Meredith to the team this summer. She has previously worked with us as a trainee and has now come back to join us permanently and is a very welcome addition. Already we can't imagine a time when she wasn't here.

Sadly Dr Eleanor Curry is leaving Friarsgate in October 2017. Dr Curry's husband has got a posting to Cheltenham and so he is stealing her away. The practice would like to wish her and her family all the best in their new home and know whichever GP practice she works for in Cheltenham will be very lucky to have her.

Dr Curry's patients will be contacted by the practice to let them know that Dr Vicki Ayres will take over their care and she will be starting with the Practice in January 2018.

The new Friarsgate Duty Model

The Friarsgate practice has now welcomed two Advanced Nurse Practitioners to our daily duty team.

Kate Hawkridge and Vicky Thorne are experienced advanced nurse practitioners who are able to do many of the tasks of the GPs.

Kate and Vicky will be calling the bulk of the patients who require urgent on the day care and we are sure you will find them helpful, professional and efficient.

Our wonderful practice nurse Claire Hallett is also currently training to become an Advanced Nurse Practitioner and will be working with the duty team while she trains.

Immunisation information



Vaccination helps your child build protection and stops infection spreading. Contact the practice to check your child's vaccinations are up to date.

Have you just left school or College?

Whatever you do next, get your Meningitis ACWY Vaccine.

Speak to a member of our reception team to check if you are eligible for this vaccination.

Hepatitis B vaccination shortage

The global shortage of hepatitis B vaccine is currently impacting severely on the UK supply. Limitations on supply are likely to continue until early 2018.

Temporary recommendations have been developed by Public Health England (PHE) to support practitioners undertaking individual risk assessment.

Phlebotomy Services

Hampshire Hospitals Phlebotomy Service visits both Friarsgate Weeke and Badger Farm to offer our patients a range of appointment times for blood tests.

Clinics at main Friarsgate Weeke are on Monday afternoon, Tuesday morning, Wednesday morning, Thursday afternoon and Friday morning. The clinic at Badger Farm is on a Thursday morning.

All appointments are bookable via the surgery or via the Patient access service. This service will change from time to time; this is dependent on what HHFT phlebotomy department can offer practices.

Do you need any help getting out and about?



Have you heard of the Winchester Good Neighbours Scheme for transport?

This is a voluntary service and all volunteers have basic first aid training.

Patients need to give four days' notice of the transport that will be required.

A small donation for the transport of 45p per mile is suggested.

They are able to take patients with small frames and walking sticks but, no wheelchairs.

Call **0845 0948946** to speak to the co-ordinator for more information.

Dial -a -ride

A friendly door to door minibus service with wheelchair accessibility that operates Monday to Friday.

Patients can book up to 8 days in advance by contacting **01962 852602**.

Don't forget to wrap up.

We have had a very mild autumn so far, albeit very windy. However the colder weather is not far away. If you are elderly and/or have a long term condition that makes you vulnerable do make sure you take good care if the weather turns icy, have your flu vaccination and keep warm.

What would you like next?

Are there any other topics you would like us to cover in this newsletter please let us know. You can leave a note at reception on your next visit or contact the PPG at: whccg.FriarsgatePractice-Patientparticipation@nhs.net

And Finally.....

The Partners and Staff at Friarsgate and Badger Farm would like to wish you all a Joyous Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.