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Dr Paul Hodges & Partners

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What is a Primary Care Network?

PCNs are groups of GP practices working more closely together, with other primary and community care staff and health and care organisations, providing integrated services to their local populations.

From April 2019, individual GP practices in Gloucestershire have been encouraged to establish PCNs to cover populations of between 30,000 to 50,000 patients.

Hucclecote Surgery has joined with Brockworth, The Alney, Churchdown and Longlevens Surgeries to form the newly established North & South Gloucester PCN.

What does this mean to our patients? The aims of PCNs include:

- Bringing care closer to community/connecting the local primary care team.
- New benefits to patients, in the future you will be able to access:
 - ❖ resilient high-quality care from local clinicians and health and care practitioners, with more services provided out of hospital and closer to home.
 - ❖ a more comprehensive and integrated set of services, that anticipate rising demand and support higher levels of self-care.
 - ❖ appropriate referrals and more 'one-stop shop' services where all of their needs can be met at the same time.
 - ❖ different care models for different population groups (such as frail older persons, adults with complex needs, children) that are person-centred rather than disease-centred.
 - ❖ Shortly we will be able to offer improved access appointments Monday to Friday 6.30pm to 8.00pm and every Saturday morning 8.00am to 12.00pm. These appointments will be based at the PCN surgeries on a rolling rota. To utilise these appointments patients must consent to record sharing.

DR HEAD

We are pleased to announce that Dr Head is now a GP Partner.

POLITE REMINDER'S

We understand that visiting or communicating with the surgery from time to time can cause distress, however, please remember our staff come to work to care for others, and it is important for all members of the public and our staff to be treated with respect.

In line with the rest of the NHS and to ensure this is fully observed we have instigated a Dignity at Work and Zero Tolerance policy, whereby aggressive, violent or inappropriate behaviour towards our staff will not be tolerated under any circumstances.

We will inform the Police in all cases of violence.

All staff have signed a confidentiality clause and require access to patients records to enable them to carry out the duties of their role.

NOT ATTENDING APPOINTMENTS

Please always remember to let us know if you no longer need your appointment as it is valuable and others could use it.

NHS

Skin cancer is one of the most common forms of cancer and can be fatal

Protect your family by applying SPF 15 to all exposed skin!

#CoverUpMate

Download the FREE 'Ask NHS' App Today

Check your symptoms
Digital access to NHS 111
Book GP appointments
Get trusted self-care advice
Available 24/7

Search Ask NHS in the app store

Download on the App Store

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POWERED BY SENSELY

As we gear up for summer, people who work outdoors are being urged to cover up against harmful UV rays. NHS England have launched the skin cancer campaign “Cover Up, Mate”, aimed at agricultural and construction workers, gardeners and sports-players – who may find themselves outside longer during the summer months and often don’t use sun cream.

To read more about the importance of this NHS campaign please follow this link: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/.../nhs-warns-sun-seeking-south-w.../>

#CoverUpMate
#NHSEnglandSW

Other useful links:

- NHS UK website sun safe - <http://bit.ly/NHSsunsafe>
- Be Clear on Cancer website - <http://bit.ly/BeClearOnSkinCancer>
- NHS UK website skin cancer (Non-melanoma) - <http://bit.ly/Non-melanoma>
- NHS UK website skin cancer (Melanoma) <http://bit.ly/NHSMelanoma>

PPG NEWS...

Test Results

It is the responsibility of the patient to ensure they contact the surgery to obtain test results. Results are available daily (prob best after 10.30am) by dialling 01452 617295 option 2



The Patient Participation Group (PPG) meets bi-monthly and are a committee of patients who discuss current issues and ideas to bring improvements where at all possible. At the recent AGM the following appointments were approved:

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| David Brown | Chair |
| Phil McLellan | Vice-chair |
| Janet Wilce | Secretary/Treasurer |

There are two spaces on the committee at this present time. If you would like to find out more about the PPG with a view to helping with new ideas then please contact David on

hucclecoteppg@outlook.com

The next PPG meeting is on 3rd July at the Surgery from 6pm to 7pm.

To view a list of local clubs please visit our website:

<https://www.hucclecotesurgery.co.uk/local-health-events>

IMPORTANT

Please ensure that you tell us if you change your address, telephone numbers or email.