

Newsletter July 2024

Letter for patients about General Practice and BMA campaign “GP’s are on your side”

We produced a letter last month for patients, with the help and support of the surgery Patient Participation Group, which is available on the website in our newsletters section and in the practice, explaining the current state of General Practice, in order to help patients understand the issues we are facing and ways you can help us to help you.

There is also a public campaign produced by the British Medical Association with information for patients on the following link with information also included below:

<https://www.bma.org.uk/our-campaigns/gp-campaigns/patients/gps-are-on-your-side>

“General Practice has been broken. Help us fix it. GPs Are On Your Side.

You have probably noticed that something is wrong. Look at the difficulty you have in getting an appointment at your local surgery. When you do get through, it may not be an appointment with a GP at all. Have you lost your regular family doctor? You are not alone. The past decade has seen us lose far too many surgeries and thousands of GPs. General Practice is collapsing. Every practice across England is struggling to keep its doors open.

We value our patients. We know that most patients value us too, especially when they need us regularly. You know we can deal with most of your health problems, keep you out of hospital, and have your best interests at heart. The problem is with the mismanagement of the NHS.

Your GP is an expert in general medical practice – trained over 10 years to deal with complex problems, spot serious symptoms, and decide when you need specialist help at the hospital.

But did you know that your practice receives just £107.57 per year for each patient, whatever their health needs. That’s less than the cost of an annual TV licence.

It’s just 30p a day for every patient registered with us – less than the cost of an apple.

We believe general practice deserves a bigger slice of NHS funding so we can train and hire more GPs, deliver the services you require and make it easier for you and your loved ones to get appointments to see your GP and practice team.

GPs want the same things that you do. We believe nobody should struggle to see their family doctor.

General Practice should be as it once was – a familiar family doctor, offering continuity of care in a surgery full of friendly familiar faces within a safe building where you knew you would get the care you needed.”