

Chipping Campden Surgery Newsletter October 2022

We at the surgery share in the sorrow felt by the country at the passing of Her Majesty the Queen.

Covid and Flu Vaccinations

Further to our previous newsletter, please note that Covid boosters and Flu vaccinations are being delivered by ourselves and the other North Cotswold practices centrally from the North Cotswold Hospital in Moreton-in-Marsh. Our practices are working together and inviting patients via our joint appointment booking hub, booking your appointments in accordance with the recommended priority groups.

We would be very grateful if our patients awaited their invitation and contacted the hub telephone number with queries about these vaccinations on 01608 692115. This will help us to keep the surgery telephone lines and our receptionists free for our urgent and routine daily work. It is our aim to get everyone booked in for their appointment before we start vaccinating and to do this, we will need your patience to get through everyone in turn. We will also in due course send out reminders to those who have not booked and update on any changes regularly via the website.

You may receive an invitation from the National Booking System starting from 5th September. Unfortunately, we are unable to be on the National Booking System as a booking option, so **please disregard this invitation** and await your invite to the local service at North Cotswold Hospital from the practice hub team. You do not have to travel out of the area to get vaccinated, there is local provision for local patients.

Minor injuries and illnesses

You can get help for a variety of new or recent minor illnesses or injuries, including sprains, minor fractures, wounds and burns, earache, sore throats, skin problems, eye conditions and more at our minor injury units, the nearest one is at North Cotswold Hospital in Moreton-in-Marsh.

Minor Injury and Illness Units (MIIUs) have a telephone triage system. We encourage patients who need to be seen in one of the MIIUs to contact them by calling 0300 421 7777 prior to attending.

Community pharmacies also provide advice regarding many minor illnesses such as coughs and colds.

Dental problems should be directed to your dentist or the emergency dental service.

If you are unsure which services you require, you can contact NHS 111.

This ensures that the GP's and other clinical staff working at the surgery have the capacity to see patients for urgent and ongoing GP care and long term conditions.

You should always contact the emergency services via 999 with an emergency, including chest pain and any serious injuries or illnesses, or anything you may consider to be life threatening.