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## Kensington Partnership PATIENT NEWSLETTER

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### Three Practices to merge

#### **A major new development planned for April is the merger of three GP practices into one.**

The plan is for Kensington Partnership, Woodroyd Medical Centre and Mughal Medical Centre to join together into one practice based at four locations.



Our Kensington Partnership has two premises: in Kensington Street and at Lower Grange. Last year the Care Quality Commission declared us to be "Good".

As well as a full range of clinical services we have a Community Care Navigator, we are participating in a Social Prescribing project and we offer help to overcome substance misuse. We also have clinics for minor surgery and joint injections, smoking cessation, travel immunisations, weight management, women's health and wound management. Full information can be found on our web-site: [www.kensingtonpartnership.org](http://www.kensingtonpartnership.org)

#### **Woodroyd Medical Practice**

Woodroyd Medical Practice is located in the Woodroyd Centre, off Greenway Road in West Bowling. In a recent Care Quality Commission inspection, the practice was rated as "Good".

In addition to general medical services, the practice currently offers contraception, maternity care, cervical smears, a baby clinic, holiday advice & vaccinations, diabetes clinics, asthma clinics, elderly screening, ante-natal Services and post-natal Services.

More information about Woodroyd can be found on their web-site: [www.woodroydmedicalpractice.co.uk](http://www.woodroydmedicalpractice.co.uk)

#### **Mughal Medical Centre**



Mughal Medical Centre has its premises on Ivanhoe Road, off Horton Grange Road, near Great Horton Road. In addition to GP consultations the practice has maternity, baby and child health

services, contraceptive & sexual health services, travel vaccinations, asthma, diabetes & hypertension clinics, well man/well women clinics, a smoking cessation clinic, circumcision (up to 1 year old), a podiatry clinic, cervical screening, a spirometry service, obesity management and confidential teenage appointments. More information can be found on their web-site: [www.mughalmedicalcentre.nhs.uk](http://www.mughalmedicalcentre.nhs.uk)

Starting in April, any patient at any of the former practices will be eligible able to request an appointment at any of the four sites. The new practice will have about 19,000 patients, compared to approximately 9,000 currently registered with Kensington Partnership. This will give us the benefit of stability and make us stronger as we face an uncertain future.

The merger was discussed in depth at the recent meeting of our Patient Participation Group. It was explained that, for the first six to twelve months, it is unlikely that patients will notice any difference. Then as we identify the best ways of doing things from each of the former practices, these will be shared through the whole of the new practice.

As it is becoming increasingly difficult to recruit highly-skilled staff to inner-city practices, this merger will put us in a much stronger position, as top-quality doctors and nurses will naturally be more attracted to a larger practice with more resources and more influence.

## The Shingles Vaccine

**Shingles** is a painful disease which can affect anybody, whether or not they have previously had chickenpox. Beginning with a burning feeling in the skin, it develops into a rash of blisters. These in turn may burst and turn into sores. It appears on only one side of the body, often the chest, but sometimes it can affect the head, face or eyes, which can be particularly painful.

People become more likely to get shingles as they get older, particularly over the age of seventy; and the older you are, the worse the disease can be.

There isn't any cure for shingles, but there is treatment to ease the pain. Usually it lasts for about two to four weeks, but in some cases the pain can continue for much longer.

Now there is a vaccine which reduces the risk of getting shingles. If somebody gets the disease after having the vaccination, it can be less severe and over more quickly.

The rules for who is eligible for the vaccine are rather complicated: as a rough guideline, people who were 70 to 73 or 78 to 79 on 1st September 2016 are eligible. The vaccine is not being made available to people over 80 because it becomes less effective after that age.

So that you can make an informed decision, it is right that we make you aware of two matters:

- The vaccine was developed using cells derived from tissue taken from an aborted child in the mid-1960's. (This is the meaning of the phrase, "Produced in human diploid (MRC-5) cells" in the information leaflet which comes with the vaccine.) The vaccine is repeatedly purified to ensure that it does not contain any trace of the cells on which it is developed.
- The vaccine contains pork gelatine.

We recognise that people will have a wide range of opinions on these issues. We offer the information so that patients and their carers can make a considered decision about their health according to their own personal convictions, and we respect whatever decision anybody makes.

Further information is available from the following web-sites:

[www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Shingles](http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Shingles)

[www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/548406/9855\\_Shingles\\_2016\\_A5\\_leaflet\\_03\\_web.pdf](http://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/548406/9855_Shingles_2016_A5_leaflet_03_web.pdf)

<http://vk.ovg.ox.ac.uk/vaccine-ingredients#human-cell-lines>

<https://micro.magnet.fsu.edu/primer/techniques/fluorescence/gallery/cells/mrc5/mrc5cells.html>



## Friends and Family Test Responses

Thank you to everybody who took the trouble to fill in a friends and Family Test form.

The standard question is:

"How likely are you to recommend our GP practice to friends and family if they needed similar care or treatment?"

You replied:

	Extremely	Likely	Neither likely nor unlikely	Unlikely	Extremely unlikely	Don't know
In November	5	13	2	3	1	0
In December	8	5	0	1	1	0
In January	5	1	0	0	1	0
In February	22	10	1	3	1	0

We are always grateful for your feedback. Cards are available in the waiting rooms and consulting rooms, or you can give your feedback via our web-site [www.kensingtonpartnership.org](http://www.kensingtonpartnership.org)