

SPRINGFIELD MEDICAL PRACTICE



What's new

January 2024

Keeping everyone up to date with the latest news and changes within the Practice...

It has been a busy winter at Springfield with several Leavers and Joiners to the Springfield team,

We have sadly said goodbye three Junior doctors 's:

Oyinka Balogun, William Hodges and Sashoti Oshima who all left us in December 2023 to continue their junior doctor training in other locations.

We wish them all the very best for the future and hopefully their paths may cross again at Springfield.

New to the Springfield team

- **Dr Megan Knipe** - Megan is a GP who has joined us from another practice, she will be working 2 days a week, currently Tuesday and Thursday until April and then she will work Wednesday and Thursday
- **Kanisha Pandi** - first contact physio who started in November replacing Eunice working at the practice on a Thursday.
- **Lucie Kemp** – joined us this week as a Clinical pharmacist working alongside Shazad to support the clinical team.
- **Lynda Thomson**, joins us on 1st February as the New Practice Nurse and will be working Wednesdays, and Friday

We have also welcomed two new junior doctors in December,

- **Imraj Chohan** – ST2 – this is the start of Imraj's 2nd year of GP training, and he will be with us until August 2024
 - **Muskan Sharma** - F2 on their first GP placement with us until April 2024
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Measles outbreak

We have some significant outbreaks of measles in the West Midlands. Measles is an infection that spreads very easily and can cause serious problems in some people.

The NHS is rolling out a catch-up campaign to offer the MMR vaccine, running from November 2023 to March 2024 in two stages:

November 2023 – March 2024

Practices will be undertaking a recall for eligible individuals aged 12 months up to and including 5 years.

January 2024 – March 2024

Practices are supporting requests for vaccinations from eligible individuals aged 6 years up to and including 25 years.

The MMR vaccine can prevent measles and also protects from mumps and rubella, The MMR is offered to all children in the UK. Two doses can provide lifelong protection. Please ask at the practice if you are not sure if you or your child have had the vaccine.

We will also be contact patients over the coming weeks and sending out invites to book the vaccine.

For mor information please look on the websites below

- <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/>
 - <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/mmr-vaccine/>
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Online Access to GP records

All GP practice were required to give patients in England online access to new information as it is added to their GP record from 1st November 2023. As a practice we opted out of bulk switch on for this and have decided to ask patients to opt into this, as this gives us a chance to check as this gives us a chance to check your understanding and be sure access to your data is safe for you.

Patients can request access via completion of a form, and this will then be reviewed by a doctor and access granted as appropriate. All information can be found on our website.

Prescription Ordering Line (POD)

The Integrated Care Board has undertaken a review of the POD and have decided to close the POD on 31st March 2023.

The responsibility for repeat prescription ordering will be returned to practices in a planned way over the next few months.

The POD will be advising all patients of the closure when they call the POD, and encouraging patients to order online via the NHS app.

Springfield Medical practice will not be taking orders over the phone, we will be directing patients to either order on-line or complete a paper request. If a patient cannot order online or get to the Practice to bring a paper copy an alternative would be to complete the right-hand side of the script when they collect their medication, or it is delivered by the pharmacy and hand back to them to bring to us.

For any patients needing help setting up the NHS App, please look on the website [NHS App and your NHS account - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#) If parents wish to order for children, they can complete a proxy access form – which can be obtained from the practice. This form can also be used for any carers wishing to order on behalf of someone they care for that cannot order medication for themselves.

Patient Participation Group -PPG

Following our PPG meeting in November 2023, Springfield have been supporting the local food bank with donations from staff and patients. These are collected by a patient working closely with the food bank distribution centre. Thank you all for your kind donations.



We also implemented a coat rail, with donations of winter coats to help anyone who needed one during these cold months. This has been a huge success – Thank you all very much for the donations.

Upcoming events

The practice will be closed on Friday 29th March and Monday 1st April for the Easter break. We will and re-open on Tuesday 2nd April at 8.30 am.