

Your Doctors

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OPENING TIMES

8.30am—1 every day 2pm—8pm (Monday) 2pm—6pm (Tues-Fri) Closed Saturday & Sunday

ENHANCED ACCESS

If you need access to GP services in the evenings, or at weekends, there are now improvements to where, when and how appointments can happen.

Remote, pre-bookable GP appointments are available to all patients through LIVI, every weekday, 4-8pm <u>and</u> at weekends. To pre-book an appointment, please call the surgery.

Monday evening appointments at Neetside Surgery <u>are available</u> up to 8pm

Call 111 for medical advice & direction: 999 for life-threatening emergencies.

MAY CLOSURES

We will be closed all day on Monday May 6th and Monday May 27th for the two May Bank Holidays, plus Wednesday May 15th from 1pm for staff training. Right care, first time!



GPs nationally are asking for your help. Our Neetside GPs are too. Because General Practice is struggling with the level of need being placed on its services, we are adapting services to help ensure that you receive the right care, at the right time, by the right person. Just imagine...

"I'm struggling with stabilising my diabetes. I think I need to see a GP."

Our PRACTICE NURSE is available to take that appointment.

"I've got a very chesty cough and have to see a GP for some antibiotics?"

Our NURSE PRACTITIONER will be able to see you for that condition, and, if appropriate, prescribe medication for you.

"I need the dose of my regular medication changing. I'll need book in with a GP, won't I?"

You don't need to see a GP. You can book in with one of our CLINICAL PHARMACISTS to discuss medication concerns.

"I want some exercise advice. May I see a GP please?"

If you are generally fit and well, our SOCIAL PRESCRIBERS can talk to you about local exercise options. If you have a long-term condition, our HEALTH & WELLBEING COACHES would be the right people to talk to.

"I've found a lump in my breast."

We'll book you in to see a GP.

RIGHT CARE; FIRST TIME.

As you can see, a GP is often not the best person for you to see. Imagine if the GPs had to see <u>all</u> those people, how overloaded everything would get.

We are here to help you by asking you to explain what is wrong with you so we can navigate you to the most appropriate member of the surgery team.

Here's some of the other team members or services we might suggest: **PARAMEDIC, MENTAL HEALTH PRACTITIONER, PHARMACY, FRAILTY CARE COORDINATOR, DIABETES CARE COORDINATOR, CANCER CARE COORDINATOR** ... and there are more! Please help us to help you.

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TRAVELLING OVERSEAS

If you suffer from flight anxiety and are travelling abroad by air, please note that GPs are not able to prescribe medication for this purpose any longer. Details about this and useful information about ways to manage flight anxiety can be found on our website - in both the PRESCRIPTIONS section and in the TRAVEL section.



If you need to have travel vaccinations for an overseas visit, please ensure you leave plenty of time to get these in place before you go. You will need to fill in a travel questionnaire at least **8 weeks prior to travel** (downloadable from the website or available from reception), and, should you need any vaccinations, these will need to be ordered in and administered by a Practice Nurse. If you are travelling in less than 8 weeks, we will not be able to administer the vaccination and will need to refer you to other private providers of this service.

Vaccinations Update



Just a reminder of the dates of our spring Covid booster vaccination clinics, **being held at the surgery** this time.

If you haven't been able to book in, are in one of the eligible groups and would like a vaccination, your are now able to use the National Booking Service (NBS), either online or by calling 119. Please note, you will not be able to book into the surgery clinics using NBS or 119.

The dates of other clinics being held locally and run by other NHS providers, will be posted on our website's Vaccination Update page as we are made aware of them.



Neetside Surgery: 01288 270580

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK

Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Talking Therapies



Free, confidential therapy for anyone over 16 experiencing anxiety and depression.

To self-refer, call 01208 871 905 or visit cornwallft.nhs.uk/talking-therapies



of UK adults said exercising regularly helped them to manage stress, and therefore burnout

IF YOU ARE STRUGGLING ...

56%

If you are struggling and don't know where to go for support please:

- talk to one of the team or talk to one of our experienced mental health practitioners
- talk to a friend, share your worries
- go to https://www.nhs.uk/every-mind-matters/

IF YOU NEED HELP NOW ...

- Samaritans 116 123 (free from mobile or landline)
- SHOUT 24/7 text service (Text Shout to 85258)
- **SANE** 4.30pm-10.30pm 0300 304 7000
- Papyrus for young adults 0800 068 4141
- Childline 0800 1111

MENTAL HEALTH CONNECT CORNWALL: 0800 038 5300 (Crisis Service)

Mental Health Awareness Week runs from 13th to 19th May, a chance to increase people's understanding of Mental Health Conditions and to encourage everyone to take stock of their own wellbeing, to stay healthy of mind as well as healthy of body. You can't separate the two.

This years theme is "Movement: Moving more for our Mental Health".

Movement is important for our mental health and yet so many of us struggle to move enough. We know there are many different reasons for this, so this Mental Health Awareness Week we want to help people to find moments for movement in their daily routines. Going for a walk in your neighbourhood, putting on your favourite music and dancing around the living room, chair exercises when you're watching television – it all counts!

Research has shown that regular physical activity can make us feel happier and healthier. Our bodies release feel-good hormones when we're active, which can reduce anxiety and stress and help us sleep better. By building movement into our working day, we can have a positive impact on productivity and focus. It could be just one small thing, done regularly that will make a huge difference.

Physical activity helps our mental health by:

- Managing stress
- Improving our mood by triggering chemical changes in the brain
- Improving sleep
- Improving self-esteem
- Reducing anxiety by making our "fight or flight" response less reactive
- Encourages us to set and achieve goals
- Meeting new people and spending time with others
- Slowing cognitive (brain function) decline

If you'd like help exploring some of the activity options available to you, please ask to speak to one of our PCN Social Prescribers, or, if you have a long-term condition, speak to one of the Health & Wellbeing Coaches. But remember, it doesn't have to be anything big...small steps can take us a long way.





OUT & ABOUT IN MAY



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We are really fortunate to have a very supportive community in the Bude area, with community groups and venues hosting important services that help hugely with our health and wellbeing.

The new Berries Community Café is now hosting many of these groups, bringing a lot of the wellbeing groups together. Please check your group's venue from May onwards, in case it has changed.

If you'd like a little more involvement in your community and don't know where to start and would like to know what's available locally, please speak to one of our PCN Social Prescribers.

Social Prescribers help people to connect to community groups and services, aiming to make life a little easier or more interesting, for better health outcomes. This may include:

- Improving physical health
- Meeting new people
- Learning a new skill or activity
- Finding ways to improve your self-confidence or selfesteem
- Improving your lifestyle
- Getting involved with your community

Please ask at reception.

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