Homewell Practice

The home of wellbeing in Havant

SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2024



RSV CAMPAIGN

Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) causes hundreds of thousands of infections across the UK each winter in the young and the old.

RSV is an important cause of lower respiratory tract infections in older adults, resulting in illness (including pneumonia), admissions and deaths. If you are eligible you will receive a letter inviting you to our clinics in September.

Welcome to the latest edition of the Homewell Practice Patient Newsletter!

We're excited to keep you informed about the latest news, health tips, and updates from our practice. At Homewell,

In this newsletter, you will find helpful information on managing your health, upcoming events, important announcements, and much more. We hope you find these updates valuable and encourage you to share your thoughts and suggestions with us.

Armed Forces veteran friendly accredited GP practice

Staff Updates

We are really pleased to announce that Dr Dinara Fael will be joining us a salaried doctor from September. Some of you might have already met her in the surgery as she has been working here as a locum.

We are also welcoming Dr Denise Milford to the team who will be working on a Tuesday and Wednesday also from September.

Blood pressure readings and the Surgery Pod.

Over 800 of our patients aged over 45 years old currently have not had a blood pressure check in the last 5 years.

Blood pressure readings can give an indication of how hard your heart is working and are an important part of a general health assessment.

High blood pressure can be silent, so it's important to get regular blood pressure checks.

We have a machine in our waiting room which you can come in at any time to check your blood pressure and it will update your medical record automatically.

Blood Pressure UK
Helping you to lower your blood pressure

Know Your Numbers Week

9-15 September 2024

Encouraging adults to know their blood pressure numbers and take the necessary action to reach and maintain a healthy blood pressure.

Missed Appointments in July 2024

In July, we had over 400 appointments missed by patients. This is nearly 6% our total appointments in the month.

Each missed appointments costs the practice around £30 which if you take the 400 appointments in July this cost us £12,000.

If you are unable to make your appointment we have created functionality on our phone system which enables you to cancel your appointment without having to wait to speak to a receptionist.

If patients regularly do not attend their appointments, we are entitled to send letters and If you repeatedly fail to attend appointments you may be removed from this practice list and required to find an alternative doctor.

IMPORTANT DATES

Practice Closures:

- Monday 26th August (Bank Holiday)
- Tuesday 3rd September the practice will be closed from 13:00pm (due to staff trainingl) and will reopen Wednesday 4th September at 08:00am

If you require medical assistance in this time please contact 111 or in a medical emergency please call 999.