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NEWSLETTER



Dispensary Information

Our Dispensaries at both Whitecliff and Child Okeford are under increasing pressure, we currently have 8000 dispensing patients and 15482 patients whose prescriptions need to be processed. The most common problems our team deal with is repeat prescriptions that have NOT been ordered! It takes 5 working days to process repeat prescription orders.

The easiest way to order repeat prescriptions is...

Via your NHS app

By handing in your repeat slip clearly indicating what medication you are requesting in the "prescription box" in the foyer

We do not accept prescription requests

via Telephone call

via Email

via Anima

What are repeat prescriptions?

Medicines taken to treat a long term, stable condition, are considered a "repeat" Prescription

Why is my request taking longer than expected?

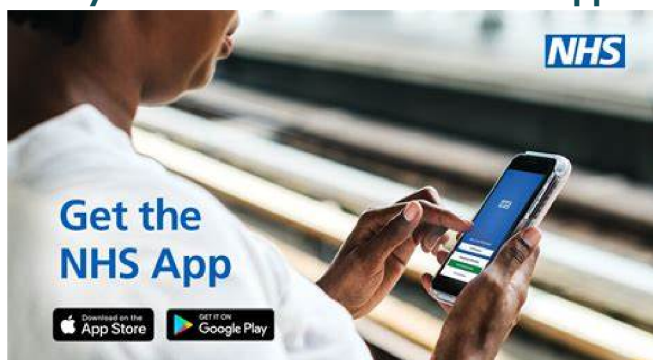
1. If the medication is not on "repeat" (see above)
2. If you are overdue a monitoring/review
3. if you are a new patients to practice or its a new medicine that has been started in hospital
4. Medicine currently not available your pharmacy/dispensary

Please be aware, our dispensary staff are not clinically qualified (unlike in a pharmacy) so they are not able to give advice on medicine or your health.

The quickest way to manage your prescriptions and access your medical records is via the NHS App.

for information and how to sign up visit - <https://www.nhs.uk/nhs-app/>

go to the app store for Apple IOS or Google Play Android to download the NHS app



STATISTICS OVER A 30 DAY PERIOD

DURING A 30 DAY PERIOD, WE HAVE HAD 528 APPOINTMENTS IN TOTAL WHERE A PATIENT HAS NOT ATTENDED WITHOUT INFORMING US.

IF YOU HAVE AN APPOINTMENT AND YOU CANNOT ATTEND, PLEASE LET US KNOW. YOU CAN SELECT OPTION 1 ON THE PHONE TO CANCEL YOUR APPOINTMENT.

WE HAVE

RECEIVED 13,885 - PHONECALLS

DISPENSED - 6402 PRESCRIPTION ITEMS

PROVIDED 14.610 - APPOINTMENTS

VACCINATED 2119 - PATIENTS
(spring covid 19 booster)



TRAVEL VACCINES AND ADVICE AVAILABLE HERE

Polio (as a combined product with diphtheria/tetanus & polio)

**Typhoid
Hepatitis A
Cholera**

These are the vaccines available free of charge on the NHS
All other travel vaccines would need to be administered by a private provider
visit : www.theblandfordgrouppractice.co.uk for more information

BOOK HERE TODAY

Please book your appointment 6-8 weeks prior to your departure

Travel risk assessment form **MUST** be completed prior to your appointment, available from reception

NHS VACCINATIONS WE PROVIDE

- Rotavirus
 - Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough), polio
 - Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib) and hepatitis B
 - Meningococcal group B (MenB)
 - Pneumococcal (13 serotypes)
 - Hib and Meningococcal group C (MenC)
 - Measles, Mumps, Rubella
 - Meningococcal groups A, C, W and Y
 - Pneumococcal
 - Tetanus, diphtheria and polio
 - Cancers and genital warts caused by specific human papillomavirus (HPV) types
 - Shingles
 - Nasal flu
 - Adult flu
- Appointment's to be made via patient services.



Moles are small, coloured spots on the skin. Most people have them and they're usually nothing to worry about unless they change size, shape or colour.

SEE A GP IF:

- you have a mole that's changed size, shape or colour
 - you have a mole that's painful or itchy
 - you have a mole that's inflamed, bleeding or crusty
 - you have a new or unusual mark on your skin that has not gone away after a few weeks
- Finding a melanoma as early as possible can mean it's easier to treat. For more information on skin health visit - <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/moles/>



Scan here with your mobile phone camera for more information



Prostate cancer is the most common cancer in men, but most men with early prostate cancer don't have symptoms.

Prostate cancer is not always life-threatening. But when it is, the earlier you catch it the more likely it is to be cured.

Answer three quick questions at prostatecanceruk.org to check your risk.

Visit <https://prostatecanceruk.org/risk-checker> or scan the QR code here



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'HEALTH EVENT BLANDFORD'

Information on Health and Wellbeing, Mental Health, and lots of services offering support

Free Cholesterol and BP checks available. Our Wellbeing Team will also be on hand

- Tuesday 25th June 2024
- 12noon - 7pm
- Sealy Suite, Crown Hotel



National Carers Week
10-16 June 2024

Carers Week is an annual campaign to raise awareness of caring, highlight the challenges unpaid carers face and recognise the contribution they make to families and communities throughout the UK. It also helps people who don't think of themselves as having caring responsibilities to identify as carers and access much-needed support. Carers Week is led by Carers UK with the support of a number of other charities. If you are a carer and have not registered this with us, contact us and ask to speak to Karen.

Did you know? Information from Wessex LMC (Local Medical Committees)



The latest GP workforce figures for England show the number of patients per practice is rising. GPs are now responsible for about 18% more patients than in 2015, demonstrating ever-mounting workload pressures.

The NHS in England has lost the equivalent of 1,790 full-time fully qualified GPs since 2015. There are also fewer GP practices, with a decrease by 106 over the past year. This fall in both staff numbers and GP practice coincides with a rise in patients: as of March 2024, there was another record-high of 63.27 million patients registered with practices in England – a full time equivalent GP is now responsible for an average of 2,295 patients.

The Blandford Group Practice has..

23,482 Patients

16 Doctors

9 Nurses

4 Advanced Nurse Practitioners

2 Paramedics

1 Mental Health Practitioner

2 Physio/Musculoskeletal specialists

1 Pharmacist

2 Pharmacy Technicians

12 Dispensary Team Members

7 Health Care Assistant's

19 Patient Services Team members

4 Social Prescribers

9 Secretaries

8 Workflow Administrators

5 Operational Managers



Your GP Practice 

What certain media sees **What the public see**

Face to Face GP appointments Busy phone lines
Remote GP Contact

Meetings	Flu jabs
Prescriptions	Home visits
Extended hours	Safeguarding
Coroner reports	Non-NHS letters
Patient signposting	Pharmacy liaison
Medication reviews	Reviewing results
Managing complaints	Mandatory training
Coding & data sharing	COVID Vaccinations
Chronic disease reviews	Processing referrals
HR & Staff management	90% of NHS contacts
Medical student training	Antibiotic stewardship
Keeping patients updated	CQC & PCN monitoring
Dealing with health briefs	Care home ward rounds
Learning disability reviews	Appraisals & revalidation
Arranging patient transport	End of life/ palliative care
Managing national & local targets	Childhood Immunisations
Reviewing patient & hospital letters	Tackling medical fake news
Supervising & supporting Community teams	Population health management

Work actually being carried out by GPs and their team...

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