



## *Witley and Milford Patient Participation Group*

### Newsletter April 2026

The Patient Participation Group (PPG) aims to represent the interests of patients registered with the Practice.

We meet regularly with the Doctors and Practice Manager in a non-clinical setting, they ask for our comments on new ideas, and we act, when necessary, in a constructive and supportive way.

#### COVID Spring Booster Campaign and Flu

The next COVID booster campaign is scheduled to run from **13 April 2026 to 30 June 2026**. It will be delivered by local Pharmacies.

All eligible individuals will be contacted by the NHS, or they can book via the National Booking Service.

People who use the NHS App can also book or manage a COVID-19 and Flu vaccination appointment.

The Autumn 2026 COVID vaccination programme will also be delivered by local Pharmacies.

The practice will deliver the 'flu vaccinations scheduled to run from **1 Oct 2026 to 31 Mar 2027**.

[www.nhs.uk/nhs-services/vaccination-and-booking-services/book-covid-19-vaccination/](http://www.nhs.uk/nhs-services/vaccination-and-booking-services/book-covid-19-vaccination/) or by calling 119 (calls are free from a landline and mobile)

## Pharmacy First

Under this service, community pharmacies across England can provide a wider range of clinical treatments to the public.

- ◆ The service enables the management of seven common infections by community pharmacists through offering self-care and safe advice, and, only if appropriate, supplying certain NHS-funded over the counter medicines and prescription only medication.
- ◆ Patients can walk in or be referred from general practice, UEC or NHS 111 settings to a community pharmacy for a consultation with a community pharmacist.
- ◆ The seven common conditions include:
  - sinusitis
  - sore throats
  - earaches
  - infected insect bites
  - impetigo
  - shingles
  - uncomplicated urinary tract infection in women

### NHS referrals for minor illnesses

- ◆ This allows patients with minor illnesses to be referred from general practice, Urgent Treatment Centre (UTC) or NHS 111 settings to a community pharmacy for a consultation with a community pharmacist. The pharmacist will assess the patient, offer advice, recommend treatments to purchase over the counter, or refer to another setting or service if needed.

## Staffing Update

The Practice is now fully staffed. Kate Downs (Paramedic), Dr. Osborn and Dr. Heylen (Registrar) are all back from maternity leave.

The practice is working with the newly established University of Surrey Medical School to offer placements and education to some of their students.

All students are supervised by our experienced GPs and clinicians.

## Moving two surgeries into one

There is slow but steady progress on this important initiative for funding of the new Witley and Milford Health Centre, which has been boosted by Waverley Borough Council allocation of £1,979,582.00 from the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL).

More funding from other sources is being applied for.

## Careline Personal Alarms

Easy to use:

- ◆ The alarm can be worn on your wrist or round your neck.
- ◆ There are no numbers to remember.  
Just press the button on the alarm to be connected
- ◆ The call handler will ask you how they can help you – they could contact the emergency services, a doctor or pre-selected contact
- ◆ The alarm will be installed by one of the experienced team who will show you how it works

Call the Careline Team on 01483 523535 to talk to a member of the team about setting it up.



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## Contact the Practice

**Online at <http://www.witleyandmilforddrs.co.uk>**

Or

 Milford Crossroads Surgery 01483 414461

 Witley Surgery 01428 682218



<https://en-gb.facebook.com/WitleySurgery/>

Milford and Witley Surgeries are both open from Monday – Friday between 0800-1830.

Does the practice have your mobile number?

If they do, they can use the texting service for reminders and messages.

## PPG contacts

If you have any health related concerns, especially if they relate to the Practice, please contact one of us:

Julie Grist (Chair), Sheila Muller (Secretary), John Cable, Jo Foster, Peter Holton, Christine Martin, David Snoxhill, Chris Webb, Katie Wells.

 **Phone**

Julie on 01428 683448 or

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