



JUNE 2022 Surgery Newsletter

June Opening Hours

The Surgery will be closed on Thursday, 2 June and Friday, 3 June for the Platinum Jubilee Bank holiday to celebrate the Queen's amazing 70 year reign. As always if patients need urgent medical help this can be obtained by calling telephone number 111.

Surgery News

I am very pleased to let you know that Dr Rebecca Lloyd-Jones joined the Surgery team as a Salaried GP on the 6 May 2022. She replaces Dr Sayomi Gunawardena who worked with us at the Practice for 2 years.

Holiday Check List

As more and more people start to travel abroad, I thought it would be helpful to remind patients about some important information.

- Please ensure you download the NHS app in good time, so you have your Covid travel passport available for your travel date. This is normally required along with your passport at the airport when you check in. A paper copy can be requested for anyone who is unable to download the NHS app by telephoning 119. Please ensure you allow plenty of time to do this before your holiday as it can take at least 2 weeks to receive the paper copy.
- For anyone who has changed their name since receiving their passport please ensure you get your passport updated prior to your travel date, so that the details on your passport match your Covid travel passport.
- If you need to check if your vaccinations are up-to date for travel, a Travel Risk Assessment form can be completed and submitted via the Great Bentley Surgery website. For patients who do not have access to the internet, a paper copy can be collected from reception for completion. Please remember to do this at least 1 month in advance of your holiday, to ensure you are able to receive any vaccinations in time for your holiday.
- Please remember to order any repeat medication prior to your holiday ensuring you allow at least 3 working days for us to process your request.
- Don't forget to buy your sunscreen!

Surgery Training Afternoon

Along with all other surgeries in the area we will be shut from 12 noon on Wednesday, 22 June 2022 for staff training. If patients require urgent care on this afternoon, then this is available by contacting 111 for assistance.

Patient Participation Group Meetings

There will not be a Patient Participation Group meeting in June.

Sue Mitson – Operations Manager