

COVID, GP NEWS & MORE

5th October 2022

Firstly thank you to all those eligible patients who have had their Autumn covid booster and/or flu vaccines, it's been great to see the community coming together to protect themselves and others.

If you haven't booked your appointment yet, please call the surgery on **01503 266 960** (option 2, after 10am).

The next clinics at Looe Community Academy will be Saturday October 15th (nearly fully booked) and Saturday October 29th. We also have some smaller clinics at the surgery, so don't delay, book today.

Eligibility 2022-23	
All adults aged 50 and over (including those who will be 50 on or before 31 March 2023)	Covid & Flu
Residents and staff in a care home	Covid & Flu
Frontline Health & Social Workers	Covid & Flu
Persons aged 5-49 years in a clinical risk group (see below)	Covid & Flu
2 & 3 year olds (delivered by the surgery in nursery settings)	Flu
Primary and secondary school children (details to be confirmed)	Flu

Clinical Risk groups for patients 5-49 years	Currently calling 'high risk' patients 18 years or older
Chronic Respiratory Disease i.e. COPD and Asthma patients taking regular steroids	Chronic Heart Disease & Chronic Vascular Disease
Chronic Liver Disease	Chronic Kidney Disease
Chronic Neurological Disease	Diabetes & other endocrine disorder
Immunosuppression	Asplenia or dysfunction of the spleen
Morbid Obesity – BMI 40+	Severe Enduring Mental Illness
Pregnancy	Household contacts of Immunosuppressed
Carers	Learning Disability

GP News

To be closer to home, **Dr Kuteyi** has moved on to a new surgery. If you were previously registered with him, we are in the process of registering you with one of our GP Partners.

Dr Fieldhouse will be going on maternity leave from next week. She will be off for a year, and we wish her every happiness with her growing family.

Recruitment at the surgery remains a challenge, however we are delighted that we have some additional Advance Nurse Practitioner's (ANPs) coming to support us at this time. ANPs are valuable members of our surgery team. They can treat, prescribe, triage, and refer patients, all with the support of our GPs (if needed).

If you speak with one of our ANPs, please rest assured you are in good hands.

Measure BP, height and weight, without an appointment

If you have visited the surgery in Looe recently, you will have noticed a new piece of equipment at the back of the downstairs waiting room. Patients can now visit the surgery, and have their Blood Pressure (BP), height and weight checked, when we are open. No need to book an appointment, once complete, simply hand the printed slip to a member of the reception team.

Screening for Lung Cancer and Atrial Fibrillation (AF)

As part of our continued commitment to preventative medicine, patients aged between 55 and 74 (who are current or former smokers) are being invited for a *FREE* Targeted Lung Health Check (TLHC). The screening programme will help with the early detection and treatment of lung cancer, and you are encouraged to attend your appointment once invited. [Click here](#) for more details.

Additionally, patients at high risk of having undetected AF are being invited to digitally check their heart twice a day for 7 days via a screening programme with FibriCheck. Also *FREE*, if you receive an invitation (and have access to a smartphone) you are encouraged to do so, as having an irregular rhythm increases with age, and increases the risk of stroke.

...and finally

Thank you for your continued support and patience. We are experiencing very high demand; however please do call us if you have any worries about your health. We are here for you and remain committed to our patients and the community.

Kind regards,

GP Partners (Dr's Kodde, Mogford, Buchanan & Hughes) & the surgery team