

Your monthly patient bulletin from SHP Patient Participation Group (PPG)



Signing Up

To receive regular updates via email, including this monthly bulletin, you need to visit the SHP web site and click on the PPG link (top left of the Home page). This will take you to our PPG page.

At the end of the page there is a link to a short form you will need to complete with your details and consent. Once submitted, the form will be directed to the PPG email account and your email will be added to the PPG mailing list.

shp.ppg@nhs.net

Please use this email address for any communication relating to patient services in addition to the following channels:

Official SHP Social Media sites:

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/SolihullHP>

Twitter: @SolihullHP

<https://twitter.com/SolihullHP>

Website:

www.solihullhealthcarepartnership.nhs.uk

Next Virtual Meeting of SHP PPG

**Via Zoom Wednesday 29th September 2021
6.00pm to 7.00pm**

An invitation and link will be sent through shp.ppg@nhs.net on Tuesday 28th September 2021

Opening Times

Monday to Friday, (excluding Bank Holidays, all sites are open from 8.30am to 6.30pm,

Wednesday - All sites are closed between 12:30pm & 1:30pm. as part of ongoing staff training and

development; a priority to ensure continuation and improvement in service delivery and patient care.

IMPORTANT SAFETY and SECURITY UPDATE

One patient has shared their experience of a recent scam attempt to obtain their personal details...

'I want to mention a scam text purporting to come from the NHS which I received recently and which had a mobile phone number, it said;

"NHS: We have identified that you are eligible to apply for a Covid pass.

Please visit (a website for Covid with https at the beginning) for more information."

Research showed that it is similar to the scam to get people to pay for parcels which are supposed to be waiting and it is an attempt to get people to give bank or card details to pay for this pass which is actually free through the NHS app.

Stay alert!

NHS Birmingham and Solihull CCG statement on Becton Dickson Blood Specimen Collection Supply Disruption:

A supplier to the NHS has advised them of a global shortage of some equipment used for taking blood tests. NHS England have therefore issued guidance to GPs that all non-urgent blood tests should be halted.

Anyone who needs a test for urgent health problems will still get one, but where your clinician recommends that it's safe to do so, then you may be asked to come back for a test at a later date, or your appointment may be rescheduled.

Given the nature of the shortage, we cannot give an exact date for when the test will be rescheduled, but please be assured that if your condition or symptoms require it, then you will get a test, and we will be re-booking your test when supplies become more easily available. If your condition or symptoms change or get worse, please contact the NHS as you would normally.

Information & updates can be found on SHP web site:
<https://solihullhealthcarepartnership.nhs.uk/latest-news/>

Flu Vaccines

SHP flu vaccines are currently being finalised. All SHP patients eligible for this year's flu vaccine programme will be contacted in the priority order set down in the Government guidelines.

The national influenza immunisation programme aims to provide direct protection to those who are at higher risk of influenza associated morbidity and mortality. Groups eligible for influenza vaccination are based on the advice of the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) and include older people, pregnant women, and those with certain underlying medical conditions.

Since 2013, influenza vaccination has been offered to children in a phased roll-out to provide both individual protection to the children themselves and reduce transmission across all age groups to protect vulnerable members of the population.

The expanded influenza vaccination programme will continue in 2021/2022 as part of our wider winter planning when we are likely to see both influenza and COVID-19 in circulation. This means that 50 to 64- year olds will continue to be offered the influenza vaccination, as hospitalisation from COVID-19 also increases from the age of 50 years onwards.

Therefore, those eligible for NHS influenza vaccination in 2021/2022 are:

- all children aged 2 to 15 (but not 16 years or older) on 31 August 2021
- those aged 6 months to under 50 years in clinical risk groups
- pregnant women
- those aged 50 years and over
- those in long-stay residential care homes
- carers
- close contacts of immunocompromised individuals
- All frontline health and social care workers are expected to have influenza vaccination to protect those they care for.

You will be contacted shortly if you are registered and eligible. There is no need to contact the practices for an appointment at this stage.

SHARPS collections

From 1 September 2021, Solihull Council will be responsible for collecting sharps box/es from Solihull residents, including from residents who are self-medicating for conditions such as diabetes.

They do not collect clinical waste or sharps from commercial and business addresses.

Sharps box collections can be booked by residents who are using sharps to self-medicate as prescribed by their doctor.

Other types of clinical waste can only be booked at the request of health trusts, health centres, doctors or district nurses. If you are a resident wishing to request a clinical waste collection please contact your health practitioner.

Sharps boxes are collected on a different schedule to that of your refuse and recycling. When arranging a collection, you will be advised separately where to leave the sharps boxes for collection.

If you have sharps boxes with different coloured lids, you will need to do a separate request for each coloured lid. More details can be found on the Solihull Council web site –

<https://www.solihull.gov.uk/rubbish-and-recycling/sharps-collection>

NHS data grab on hold as millions opt out

The link below might be of interest as an update on NHS data plans and was posted by a patient on our Facebook page;

https://www.theguardian.com/society/2021/aug/22/nhs-data-grab-on-hold-as-millions-opt-out?fbclid=IwAR3RnMJg4OAp7hIDbvj3AM_h41ruseEizWSw-AXaASXnfuO13p9ewX1pvsq

In response to a PPG request, below is a list of SHP GP Partners and GPs as of 6 September 2021:

GP Partners:

Dr Majid Ali ; Dr Michelle Caughey-Rogers; Dr Beverley Dickinson; Dr Maria Font; Dr Bhavesh Gandhi; Dr Simon Green; Dr Natasha Behl; Dr Sunil Kotecha; Dr Kapil Lad; Dr Julia Lawley; Dr Arturo Lupoli; Dr Rajib Pal; Dr Bilal Patel; Dr Nishit Patel
Dr Johanna Russell; Dr Mark Sterry; Dr Elizabeth Stokes; Dr Mark Webb

GPs:

Dr Nyla Abbasi; Dr Tahiraa Afzal; Dr Shadan Alam; Dr Harsha Dhokia; Dr Mark Fernando; Dr Barbara Guilfoyle; Dr Raja Hamaoui; Dr Bayan Hariri; Dr Doddasadenhalli Mahadevaiah; Dr Shamah Mahmood; Dr Nazish Murtaza; Dr Alison Portes; Dr Akila Ramachandaran; Dr Maryam Rana; Dr Charandeep Sadhra; Dr Nicola Saw