LONDON ROAD SURGERY

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**NEWSLETTER August 2021**

Welcome to the practice newsletter. In it you will find some useful information, especially if you are not able to use a computer. However, there are references to important websites and it might be useful if you have a friend or relative who could gain access to the relevant information for you.

**We are open and are allowing up to 6 persons in our waiting room at a time. All prescription requests must be made online via the NHS App or via Online Services accessed by using the London Road Surgery website. Alternatively you can post your request through our letterbox or send it by Royal Mail.**

**Covid Vaccination Programme**

**We are following NHS England’s Covid Vaccination Programme and are contacting patients in each cohort as we are advised to do so.**

**Everyone aged 18 and under is being urged to arrange a jab if they have not had one as the NHS COVID Vaccination Programme, the biggest in health service history, begins the final push to protect the country. Please ring the surgery to book your vaccine 01268 765533 Thank you**

**Timeline of Proposed Easing of Lockdown**

19 July – Lockdown was eased. Please note that NHS England state that from 19th July all patients and clinical staff in healthcare settings including General Practice should continue to wear masks and follow social distancing. Thank you for assisting us in protecting the vulnerable members of our community

**Healthwatch Essex**

<https://healthwatchessex.org.uk/>

Is an independent charity set up under the Health & Social Care Act 2012 and they use your voice to improve health and care in Essex. They undertake high-quality research and engagement to uncover your experience of services and use it to shape health and care. They are also proud hosts to the Essex Neurology Network.

They can help you find out about and access health and social care services through our Information & Guidance Service**. Call 0300 500 1895, text 07712395398** between 10am and 2pm on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Outside of those times, you can use it to leave them a message. Check out how to get involved!

info@healthwatchessex.org.uk

Message on 07712395398, Monday - Friday, 9am to 4:30pm

**Looking After Yourself**

Looking after our mental wellbeing sometimes falls behind on our list of priorities. But keeping mentally well helps us to keep physically well too. Visit this website for some tips on how to look after your mind: <https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/>

**Free listening services**

These services offer confidential advice from trained volunteers. You can talk about anything that is troubling you, no matter how difficult:

Call 116 123 to talk to [Samaritans](https://www.samaritans.org/how-we-can-help/contact-samaritan/), or email:  jo@samaritans.org for a reply within 24 hours.

Text "SHOUT" to 85258 to contact the [Shout Crisis Text Line](https://www.giveusashout.org/), or text "YM" if you're under 19.

If you are under 19, you can also call 0800 1111 to talk to [Childline](https://www.childline.org.uk/). The number will not appear on your phone bill.

**Live Well Link Well**

Are you looking to make changes to improve your social, physical and mental wellbeing?

Free confidential support of a non-medical nature.

Help given with: Mobility and equipment, home adaptations, safety and security, looking after someone, getting out and about and money worries.

Telephone: 0300 303 9988 Monday to Friday from 8am - 7pm.

Email: livewell.linkwell@nhs.net

**NHS App**

If you have a smartphone you can download the NHS App which allows you to order repeat prescriptions and book appointments quickly and easily.

**The Good Grief Trust**

**Website** [**www.thegoodgrieftrust.org**](http://www.thegoodgrieftrust.org)

If you have been affected by a sudden bereavement during this crisis and need support, advice and guidance;

PLEASE CALL; SUDDEN BEREAVEMENT HELP 0800 2600 400,

OPERATING HOURS: 10AM – 4PM MONDAY – FRIDAY.

**Mental Health Information**

VitaMinds offer a free and confidential NHS Service and Psychological talking therapies. They offer support for Anxiety, Low mood, Depression, Panic attacks, Social anxiety, sleep problems, PTSD, OCD and specific phobias. You can self-refer online vitahealthgroup.co.uk or call 01268 977 171 or Out of Hours emotional support 24/7 01268 977 171

**Contact Us Online**

We have updated our website and added a tab called Contact Us Online. This is for patients to send us administrative queries or medical issues. Hopefully this will free up our phone lines for those patients without internet access.

**Useful Telephone Numbers**

Boots Allianz The Wick 01268 574018

Boots Mayflower 01268 820235

Boots Willowdale 01268 761911

Co-op 01268 970532

Garbetts 01268 732042

Medipharm 01268 735777

Sainsbury’s 01268 270282

Shadforths 01268 733313

Shotgate 01268 768547

Tesco Mayflower 01268 367647

If you are caring for a relative, you can access information & advice, specialist support, groups & activities through Carers First. Carers First is a charity commissioned by Essex County Council:

Telephone: 0300 303 1555

Email: hello@CarersFIRST.org.uk

**Useful Resources:**

National Domestic Violence Helpline: 0808 2000 247 https://www.nationaldahelpline.org.uk

NSPCC helpline: 0808 800 5000

ChildLine: 0800 1111

MIND: www.mind.org.uk

YoungMinds: https://youngminds.org.uk

ICON: Babies cry: You can cope https://iconcope.org

IRISi: irisi.org/iris/find-your-local-iris-site

Please feel free to let us know what you think of our newsletter and if you would like anything else added. We look forward to hearing from you

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