LONDON ROAD SURGERY

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**NEWSLETTER JUNE 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.**

**Timeline of Proposed Easing of Lockdown**

14 June – Prime Minister Boris Johnson announces that England's relaxation of coronavirus restrictions planned for 21 June will be delayed by four weeks, until 19 July. The cap on wedding parties will be removed though. By then it is planned that every adult will have been offered a first COVID vaccine, with at least three quarters having been fully vaccinated.

15 June – People aged 23 and 24 become eligible to book their first COVID vaccination.

16 June –The vaccine rollout opens to those aged 21 and 22 in England. It is reported COVID vaccinations are to become compulsory for care home workers in England. This is subsequently confirmed by Health Secretary Matt Hancock.

18 June –Roughly 1.5 million people aged 18, 19 and 20 become eligible for their first COVID vaccination. A total of 721,469 bookings are made during the first day of the programme being open to everyone over 18.

Scottish First Minister Nicola Sturgeon announces a travel ban between Scotland and parts of Greater Manchester and Salford from Monday 21 June because of rising COVID cases in the area.

19 June – More pop-up vaccination centres are opened across England in a bid to offer every adult in England a first vaccine by 19 July.

**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.

**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 phonelines 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

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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