



Practice

Newsletter

Spring/Summer 2026

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Upcoming Practice Closures for Staff Training

Wednesdays from 1pm:

12th August 2026

9th September 2026

14th October 2026

11th November 2026

If you need urgent medical help whilst we are closed, call 111 or in an emergency always dial 999.

January to June 2026

Our Data



Number of face-to face appointments

17,435



Number of booked appointments not attended

718



Number of referrals made

2,041



Number of inbound calls taken

16,017



Number of online requests received

11,361



Number of newly registered patients

341

Flu and Covid Seasonal Vaccinations

1st September sees the launch of the Autumn flu and Covid booster season. If you are eligible you will be contacted from August to book an appointment - and we will be holding a

Saturday clinic on
3rd October 2026

Digital Invitations for Cervical Screening

Following strong supportive research in 2025 for sending invitations and reminders for cervical screening tests, soon all communications including results that require a referral will be sent digitally. This is contributing to the NHS goal of eliminating cervical cancer by 2040.

NEWS

NHS Healthy Start Scheme

A UK government initiative designed to support pregnant women and families with young children to access healthy food and essential vitamins. If eligible, you'll receive a prepaid card topped up every 4 weeks to buy items such as fruit and veg, infant formula, and cow's milk. Apply now: healthystart.nhs.uk/how-to-apply/

MMRV

From January, children aged 3 years 4 months up to under 6 have been offered MMRV instead of MMR, adding chickenpox protection. It is given as a single vaccine and protects your child from measles, mumps, rubella, and now chickenpox.

It forms part of the routine childhood immunisation schedule. Talk to your nurse if you would like any further information.



Staff Updates

So far this year, we are pleased to welcome our new Practice Nurse Lauren and Prescriptions Clerk Beth, who are both valuable assets to the team.
Claire, our prescription clerk, has retired and we wish her a wonderful retirement.

We have also welcomed four new trainee medical students, who have made a significant contribution to the practice and we wish them all the best of luck in their continuing studies.

'The consultation with Dr Stoodley was thorough, understanding, and reassuring. Her depth of knowledge and awareness was remarkable and her approach professional and kind.'

'Thanks to everyone at the surgery - I could not ask for better care.'

'Dr Lay was so kind and patient with me, very professional at explaining everything.'

Latest Compliments

Here are some recent changes made in response to patient feedback and comments;

You said We did

You said:
The gardens at the practice could be better maintained

We did:
A regular gardener now maintains the lawned areas every two weeks, and a member of the PPG has volunteered to help with the planted raised beds

You said:
You would like a simpler route to request an appointment online

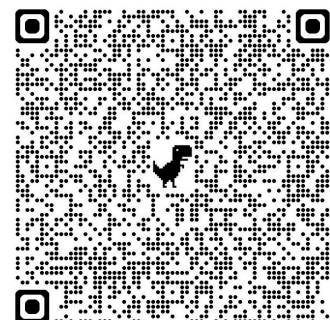
We did:
Updated the website with a clear path to request an appointment, highlighting what symptoms should be taken to the pharmacy, and clearly splitting how to submit a medical or an admin request

**Do more
with the
NHS App!**



Request repeat prescriptions, use 111 online, find nearby NHS services and more anytime, anywhere.

Why not leave us a Google review? Scan the QR code below:



Local Events

Did you know the Social Prescribing Team with the Chesterfield & Dronfield PCN hold regular Health & Wellbeing Information Markets?

These events provide support with finances, benefits, stopping smoking, eating healthier, getting more active, substance abuse, and much more!
Ask in practice or follow the Facebook page for for upcoming dates.

Room Refurbishments



This year, we undertook a comprehensive refurbishment of two of our clinical rooms. The renovation has transformed these spaces, providing a fresh and updated appearance.



Expectations

Our staff are here to help you, they should not be subjected to any abuse - please treat them with the respect they deserve.

A polite reminder that we will not tolerate abusive or aggressive behaviour including shouting, violence, intimidation, drunkenness, or any form of discriminatory abuse. If unacceptable behaviour occurs, you may be asked to leave the premises, your behaviour may be reported to the police, and you may be removed from our patient list.

Thank you

Would you like to join our Patient Participation Group (PPG)?

We are looking for new members to join our friendly group to get your perspective on what is important to you to get more out of your NHS appointment, and how the practice can continually improve. For more information please call 01246 456 938 and speak to the Operations Manager.