

Wickham Market Medical Centre

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Notice regarding Dr Ridout

Please note from the 1st July Dr Ridout will be reducing her sessions at the practice to 3 sessions a week. Her new sessions will be Monday all day at Wickham Market and Thursday morning at Rendlesham. Dr Ridout will therefore be reducing her patient list and a proportion of her patients will be allocated to other GPs. It will not be possible to write to all patients individually to advise them of their new GP, however patients who are registered to use our on line services can access their clinical record to find out this information, or alternatively patients can ask at Reception

E-Consult

We are very pleased to inform patients that they can now access GP services by using the new E-Consult system. Patients using the system will simply complete a form online detailing their symptoms. The form helps to pick out the relevant details and key symptoms.

Forms are then emailed to the admin team and put into the Drs workflow and will be answered or dealt with within three working days.

Please note the form will **Red Flag more severe symptoms** which may require urgent attention, if this is the case the system will direct you to the most appropriate service

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Travel Vaccines– Important Notice

If you are travelling abroad and are looking to book a travel appointment with us please ensure you book your initial appointment at least 8 weeks before you travel, these appointments must be booked on a Saturday at Wickham Market. Any chargeable vaccines will need to be paid for and ordered before they can be administered. If you are traveling under 8 weeks please visit the travel clinic in Ipswich.



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“DON'T FEAR THE SMEAR”

Practice Nurse Mair Potter attended a recent WI meeting in Wickham Market to talk about the value of patients attending for regular cervical smears.

Members, representing at least 35 families within the community, took away with them a wealth of facts. Mair explained how important it is to have regular smear tests, how the facts prove it does save lives and particularly how even younger generations should not consider themselves without risk.

The evening was full of questions and the WI were very appreciative of Mair giving up her own time to give this very valuable presentation.



Changes to Patient Group

We would like to pass on our grateful thanks to Margaret Holland who has stood down from the Group after a number of years service. If you would like to apply to join the group, please pick up an application form from reception or visit our website

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