



## PRACTICE NEWS:

From April 1<sup>st</sup> we welcomed a new salaried GP to the Practice, Dr Damilola Sogbesan. Dr Sogbesan will be running eight clinics a week at the Practice.

We have also welcomed two Nurse Practitioners to our Duty team, Lindsey Walton and Rachel Wright. Both Rachel and Lindsey are prescribers and will be able to treat patients for a number of minor illnesses and ailments.

One of our much loved Nurse Practitioners, Paula Baranski retired at the end of March after more than 17 years at the Practice. We wish Paula all the best in her retirement and thank her for her hard work at the Practice. She will be sorely missed.

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## **ADVANCE NOTICE OF CLOSURE**

### **The Bosmere Medical Practice**

will be **CLOSING** between 12.30pm - 1.30pm each day.

from

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> MAY 2019.**

### **Why are we closing the practice over lunchtime?**

- To deal with the increased online communications we receive via our website and eConsult service.
- To action an increased amount of paperwork following our morning clinics and to prepare for the afternoon.
- To allow our doctors allocated time to visit housebound patients.
- To allow our doctors time to action patient paperwork, dictate referrals and for medication management.

The practice telephone line is still available during this time for medical emergencies only: 02392 476 941

In the event of a life threatening emergency you should always call 999.

The practice will re-open daily at 1.30pm.



Alternatively, you can get in touch with us via our website for general enquiries.

Our digital website allows you to communicate with us in the same way you would over the phone or at the practice reception. Simply follow the code or visit [www.bosmerepractice.co.uk](http://www.bosmerepractice.co.uk)



## PRACTICE CLOSURES

**Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>**

(From 12:30pm)

Staff training

**Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup>**

All day

Bank Holiday

**Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup>**

All day

Bank Holiday

**Thursday, July 11<sup>th</sup>**

(From 12:30pm)

Staff training

**Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup>**

All day

Bank Holiday

If we are closed and you need to see someone more urgently, please telephone **111**

Or **999** for life threatening emergencies

## ONLINE ACCESS

If you would like online access to book appointments and request repeat prescriptions, you simply need to come into the practice with ID and a receptionist will issue you with your unique login details.

You can also send us general enquiries and questions via our website at [www.bosmerepractice.co.uk](http://www.bosmerepractice.co.uk)

## CERVICAL SCREENING

All women between the ages of between the ages of 25 and 64 will be regularly invited for a cervical screening.

How often will you be invited?

Age	When you're invited
<b>under 25</b>	up to 6 months before you turn 25
<b>25 to 49</b>	every 3 years
<b>50 to 64</b>	every 5 years
<b>65 or older</b>	only if 1 of your last 3 tests was abnormal

If you are pregnant or have recently given birth, you will need to wait 12 weeks after you have given birth to have your cervical screening.

You will be sent reminder letters when it is time to book your next appointment. However, if you are unsure of when you last had your cervical screening or think you may be overdue, please contact the practice on 02392 476 941 or send us a message via our website and we will be able to tell you when you should next be seen.

However, if you are experiencing the following symptoms, do not wait until your next cervical screening.

- bleeding between periods, during or after sex, or after you have been through the menopause
- unusual vaginal discharge

Contact the practice to arrange an appointment with your GP.

If you have had a total hysterectomy or removal of your cervix, you should not receive any more screening invitation letters.