

Winyates Health Centre On-Call Surgery At It's Busiest

Each day we have 2 GP's doing an on-call surgery in the afternoon who, on average, should see around 18 patients each. An increase in the demand for same day urgent appointments means each GP is now **regularly** seeing around 30 emergency patients in addition to their usual lists.

On 15th November 2017, our 2 on-call GP's saw a total of 63 patients. This can be a potentially unsafe practice but unfortunately is now happening daily.

YOU CAN HELP US by considering alternatives:



Ring 111 for free advice 24/7 or to be referred to out of hours

Visit the NHS Choices site for health information and services www.nhs.uk



Speak to your local pharmacist regarding minor ailments and self care



Is it an emergency?

- An **emergency** is any condition that has occurred in the last 24hrs or that has quickly deteriorated in the last 24hrs and can not wait to be seen until the following day.

- Due to time constraints, the on-call doctor will not be able to deal with ongoing problems you may have.

- The on-call doctor will only be able to deal with one emergency issue.

- Some conditions can be treated by a chemist, such as eye infections and skin problems - ask your local pharmacist if they can help.

New Prescribing Policies in Worcestershire

As of 18th September 2017 there will be a restriction placed on access to certain medications, treatments, products and food items on prescription. These changes follow a decision made by the three Worcestershire Clinical Commissioning Groups in July this year where they agreed to no longer support a number of different items, specifically:

- **To restrict the prescription of treatments and medicines for short term, minor conditions**
- **To stop the prescription of all gluten-free foods**
- **To stop the prescription of soya milks, thickened infant formula, formula for lactose intolerance and all infant formula available as ready to use liquid**
- **To restrict the prescription of oral nutritional supplements.**

Mari Gay, Chief Operating Officer, said:

"After considering feedback from local people, national campaign groups and a review of clinical guidance we have decided to stop routinely funding certain medicines, treatments, products and food items on prescription. These items will be readily available in local supermarkets, pharmacies and health food stores. We are aware of the concern this may cause some people and this has been a very difficult decision to make. However, given the financial challenge that we face in Worcestershire we need to take action now so that we can continue to protect other NHS services in the future."

For more information around the changes in policy, please visit:
www.worcestershire.nhs.uk/prescribing

Healthcare Navigators—You may notice a change when you next ring to book an appointment

Healthcare Navigators, or HCN's, are trained members of the practice team who have been requested by the doctors to ask certain questions in order to ensure that you receive the most appropriate care from the right clinician at the right time.

It is not a case of the HCN's being nosey, and any information you give is strictly confidential.

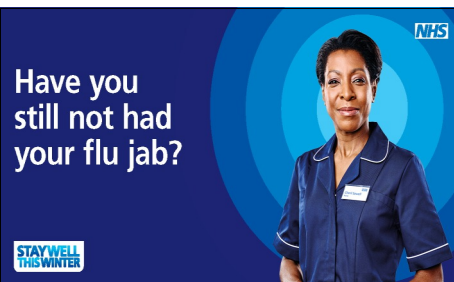
Thank you for your support.

HAVE YOUR SAY.....

Have you been happy with the service and care you have received from us? Please leave us a review by visiting:

<https://www.nhs.uk/services>

And search for 'Winyates'



You are eligible to receive a free flu jab if you:

- are 65 years of age or over
- are pregnant

- have certain serious long-term health conditions such as COPD, diabetes, heart disease, severe asthma, bronchitis, kidney disease stage 3, 4 or 5, liver disease, chronic neurological diseases, splenic dysfunction

- have weakened immune system

- have a BMI of 40 and above

- If you're a front-line health and social care worker

- are living in a long-stay residential care home or other long-stay care facility

- receive a carer's allowance, or you

are the main carer for an elderly or

disabled person whose welfare may be at risk if you fall ill

- children over the age of six months with a long-term health condition

- children aged two and three on 31 August 2017

- children in reception class and school years one, two, three and four will have theirs done at school

Flu appointments can be booked online if you are eligible, or by ringing the surgery on 01527 513888.

GENERAL PRACTICE NEWSLETTER

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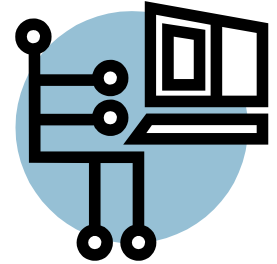
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Microsoft Publisher offers a simple way to convert your newsletter to a Web publication. So, when you’re finished writing your newsletter, convert it to a Web site and post it.



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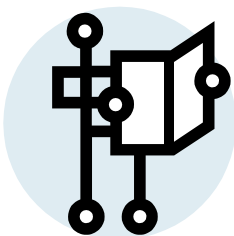
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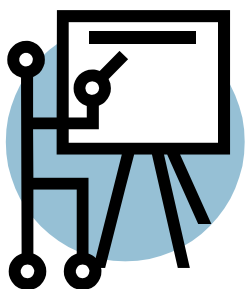
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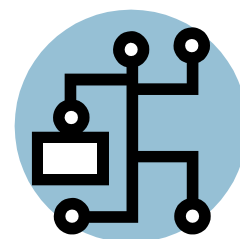
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Organization

WHITS

Primary Business Address
Your Address Line 2
Your Address Line 3
Your Address Line 4
Phone: 555-555-5555
Fax: 555-555-5555
E-mail: someone@example.com



This would be a good place to insert a short paragraph about your organization. It might include the purpose of the organization, its mission, founding date, and a brief history. You could also include a brief list of the types of products, services, or programs your organization offers, the geographic area covered (for example, western U.S. or European markets), and a profile of the types of customers or members served.

It would also be useful to include a contact name for readers who want more information about the organization.

Your business tag line here.

BACK PAGE STORY HEADLINE

This story can fit 175-225 words.

If your newsletter is folded and mailed, this story will appear on the back. So, it's a good idea to make it easy to read at a glance.

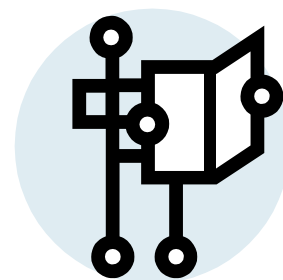
A question and answer session is a good way to quickly capture the attention of readers. You can either compile questions that you've received since the last edition or you can summarize some generic questions that are frequently asked about your organization.

A listing of names and titles of managers in your organization is a good way to give your newsletter a personal touch. If your organization is small, you may want to list the names of all employees.

If you have any prices of standard products or services, you can include a listing of those here. You may want to refer your readers to any other forms of communication that you've created for your organization.

You can also use this space to remind readers to mark their calendars for a regular event, such as a breakfast meeting for vendors every third Tuesday of the month, or a biannual charity auction.

If space is available, this is a good place to insert a clip art image or some other graphic.



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