Covid-19 Spring Booster—Village Surgery will not be providing the Covid-19 Spring booster vaccinations. Those patients who are eligible for the booster can find a location and book their vaccine via the National Booking Site or by calling 119. Those eligible for a Spring booster are:
- Anyone aged 75 and over
- Anyone living in a Care Home
- Anyone aged 5 or over with a weakened immune system

Eligible housebound patients will be contacted by Dorset Health Care’s visiting vaccination team.

Loneliness and isolation can have a big impact on the health and wellbeing of older people. Age UK Bournemouth, Poole & East Dorset provides a Community Connections Service to help tackle the causes of isolation and loneliness.

The service aims to enable older people to:
- Overcome the barriers of isolation & loneliness
- Share the company of others
- Talk to someone
- Pursue interests & activities in the local community
- Maintain independence and gain information, enabling clients to stay at home for longer.

People aged 60 or over and living in the BCP or East Dorset area, who have become housebound or detached from community life through bereavement, moving house, disability, mental illness, etc. can self refer or be referred by a relative/carer/health & social service professional or GP. For further details or to make a referral please contact:
Kerry Bidgood: Community Connections Manager
Phone: 01202 530530
Email: enquiries@ageukbped.org.uk

Appointments

Please remember that appointments booked online are TELEPHONE calls not in person. There are several messages that notify you of this when booking but patients are continuing to arrive at the Surgery.

Please remember to cancel your appointment if you are unable to make it. In March we had 70 appointments that were not attended and we were not notified.

The easiest way to cancel is to reply CANCEL to the automated appointment reminder that is text to your mobile phone, or call us.
If you require any vaccinations relating to foreign travel you need to make an appointment with the practice nurse to discuss your travel arrangements. This will include which countries and areas within countries that you are visiting to determine what vaccinations are required. It is important to make this initial appointment as early as possible - at least 8 weeks before you travel - as a second appointment will be required with the practice nurse to actually receive the vaccinations. These vaccines have to be ordered as they are not a stock vaccine. Your second appointment needs to be at least 2 weeks before you travel to allow the vaccines to work. Some travel vaccines are ordered on a private prescription and these incur a charge over and above the normal prescription charge. This is because not all travel vaccinations are included in the services provided by the NHS.

There is also a questionnaire that needs to be completed and returned to us prior to your appointment. These can be printed from our website or collected from reception.

Bank Holiday Closing
Monday May 1st—Early May BH
Monday May 8th—Bank Holiday for coronation of King Charles III
Monday May 29th—Spring BH

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The sites are used as a method of communication for NHS health campaigns and any operational surgery news.

Would you like to join our PPG and help make a difference?

Every Patient Participation Group (PPG) is unique, drawing on members’ different experiences and knowledge, all groups have a focus on representing and being the patient voice with the Practice. Working alongside practice teams, patient groups get involved in a variety of activities. As well as providing feedback to practices on the services it provides and helping get information out to the wider patient population, groups work on projects which bring health and wellbeing benefits to their fellow patients.

To express an interest in joining, please email villagesurgery.poole@nhs.net