

Lapworth News Update March 2021

Surgery Update

Over the last year Covid has forced us to make many changes in the way general practice is working. We hope that this year we can start to look forward to a happier year seeing family and friends again

Changes here in the surgery include Dr James Sutton increasing his sessions as a partner from two to five. Dr Gareth Rowland has reduced his hours to two sessions. Dr Caron Bates has not changed her working hours.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Dr Bates Dr Rowland	Dr Bates	Dr Sutton (am) Dr Bates	Dr Sutton	Dr Sutton

We hope to welcome new members of our primary care network team over the coming year including, social prescribers, mental health workers and a first contact practitioner. We would also like to welcome Hayley Wilkinson our new Cancer Care co coordinator.

Inside the surgery we have had the computer system upgraded. We have also had a new telephone system and website which are both working well. The new flooring inside the waiting room and hallways kindly supported by our PPG has enabled the surgery to open its doors again to normal hours, and allows 3 people to sit and wait for their appointments. Patients can now collect their medication without standing outside in the cold. The surgery really appreciates the PPG support.

Dispensary Update

With some patients still shielding the Lapworth Volunteers have kindly assisted Emily and Sandy with deliveries of patients' medication. This has been an excellent service for patients (after a few teething problems)! If you feel you need to take up this offer, then please speak to Emily or Sandy in dispensary to ask if you are eligible to benefit from this service.

Covid Vaccination Update

South Warwickshire Federation have been delivering a successful vaccination program at Studley village Hall with our PCN team assisting them

At the time of writing we are currently vaccinating the over 64 years of age and the 16-64 years at risk groups. If you are a patient in any of these groups and have not yet received your vaccination, please could we ask you to contact the surgery and give your details to one of the reception staff so that we are then able to pass your details on to the booking centre for them to contact you.

Stoneleigh mass vaccination centre are also sending out letters to all 60-65 year olds. We are happy for patients to attend Stoneleigh or Studley. The faster that everyone is vaccinated the better. The aim is to vaccinate all over 50 by early April if possible.

Moving Forward in the surgery

With lockdown starting to ease we will be looking at how we can start to change our appointment systems slowly over the coming months to allow patients to pre book telephone calls with the aim to return to pre booked and face to face appointments at some point in the future. Any changes will be made in line with the NHS England guidance.