

St Margaret's NEWS

February 2019



Cervical cancer can be prevented.

More than 3,200 women are diagnosed with cervical cancer every year in the UK, and nearly 900 die annually. All women aged 25 to 49 are invited for a screening test every 3 years, while those aged 50 to 64 are invited every 5 years.

Regular cervical screening provides a high degree of protection against developing cervical cancer. Each year screening saves 5,000 lives in the UK. Not going for a cervical screening is one of the biggest risk factors for developing cervical cancer.

But 1 in 4 women skip the cervical screening, with the proportion increasing to 1 in 3 among those aged 25 to 29 and to 1 in 2 in some more deprived regions of the UK.



9 IN 10

CASES OF CERVICAL CANCER CAN BE PREVENTED WITH REGULAR TESTS AND FOLLOWING UP ON ANY ABNORMAL RESULTS.

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Remember, cervical screening is NOT a test for cancer. Instead it is a screening test a screening to detect abnormalities that can be treated to prevent cancer developing..



Smear test overdue?
Book yours today



#SmearForSmear



Times are changing

Evening and weekend appointments now available

You can now book an appointment to see a GP, nurse or other healthcare professional in the evening or at the weekend.

Speak to your practice receptionist or a member of the practice team to find out more.



Our PPG will be holding a coffee morning here at the practice on **Friday the 8th February 9am -12pm**

They will be carrying out some surveys and looking for new recruits, so if you would like to have a voice in the way your health services are delivered get involved. No training is required to be a member – the most important thing is that you are keen and focused on taking positive action to help the practice and the local patient population

Evening (6.30 -8pm), weekend (Sat and Sun 8-11am) appointments available for patients at this practice. This extended service will operate from Richmond Medical Centre Richmond Hub, and there will be GP, nurse or healthcare assistants appointments. Richmond Medical Centre is situated on Richmond Rd, has ample parking, and is on bus routes 30 and 58. Please make appointments for this service through reception as normal.



Patient Voice



A message from our secretary regarding referrals:

- 12 weeks is the standard wait time for a first appointment, regardless of if the GP may have marked as urgent, the referral will be triaged by a consultant at the hospital and they will decide if it is an urgent or a routine appointment.
- If your condition gets worse in any way or you experience new symptoms then come back and see the GP as we can, in some cases, expedite appointments if necessary.
- Wait time from referral to treatment is up to 18 weeks



DNA's Nov – Jan

- 50** Doctors' appointments
- 31** Nurses' Appointments missed

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2018	Number of items	Cost to Practice
July	11,318	£110,367
August	12,033	£114,357
September	11,900	£114,742
October	12,489	£116,434
November	11,831	£103,973
Total	59,571	£559,973



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