

# St Margaret's NEWS

May 2019



Most vaccinations are offered free of charge in the UK. Remember, as well as protecting yourself, you're also protecting others by preventing the spread of disease.

In the UK we have a world-leading vaccination programme. Year after year our exceptional vaccine workforce continue to take us closer towards our goal of making sure all eligible individuals are offered protection by vaccines throughout their life.

**Travelling ?**  
Know before you go.

Talk to your health worker and ensure your family's vaccines are up to date.

#VACCINESWORK



PROTECTED TOGETHER

World Health Organization

## The Value of Vaccines: Vaccines work and save lives.

We have seen some incredible public health achievements across the globe due to vaccination, but we are still seeing outbreaks, sometimes serious, of diseases that can be prevented by vaccines. Recent media reporting has focused on the challenges other countries are facing in controlling measles and some of the extreme measures they have taken. This has understandably raised questions about our situation and has put a spotlight on the potential role of mis-information and social media. Secretary of State Matt Hancock is leading on calling for social media platforms to remove inaccurate content and in this he has the full support of PHE.

In England, our vaccination rates exceed or approach the key global targets, but we are seeing a small but definite, steady decline in vaccine uptake

There have been outbreaks of measles in many countries and it is important to make sure that everyone has had their two doses of MMR before they travel.

**Don't let measles ruin your festival fun!**

The **MMR vaccine** might not be top of your list for getting festival ready this summer, but it is very important.



Measles is circulating in England but you can help **#StopTheSpread** by checking with your GP that you've had two doses of the MMR vaccine.



Public Health  
England

Going to a festival, concert or group holiday and up to 25 years of age? Starting university?

Young people aged 18-25 are particularly at risk from meningococcal disease as they often come into contact with many new people in confined environments such as pubs and clubs, festivals and university halls.

## If you miss your appointment



We see appointments for our doctors and nurses being missed daily, if you cannot attend an appointment **PLEASE** call us to cancel so that we can offer the appointment to someone who needs it. We monitor these missed appointments and will remove patients from our list if it is a frequent occurrence. For more details ask reception for a copy of our practice policy on missed appointments.

someone misses out

'Did Not Attend' Feb – April

**67** Doctors' appointments

**66** Nurses' Appointments missed



## 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.



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.



## Over ordering pills means **BIGGER** NHS bills!

2018	Number of items	Cost to Practice
January	11,187	£104,144
February	10,731	£105,109
March	11,271	£107,058
April	12,627	£108,099
May	12,054	£114,823
June	10,871	£105,072
July	11,318	£110,367
August	12,033	£114,357
September	11,900	£114,742
October	12,489	£116,430
November	11,831	£103,973
December	11,668	£105,670
<b>Total for 2018</b>	<b>139,980</b>	<b>£1.4 million</b>

Repeat Prescription?

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