



Patient Participation Group Newsletter

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In this, our second Cumberland House PPG newsletter, we are introducing the role of

Advanced Nurse Practitioner

Patients with an acute or short-term illness, or flare up of a long-term illness, may be offered an appointment with an Advanced Nurse Practitioner (ANP). When calling the surgery you may be asked the reason for the appointment to check whether seeing an ANP or a GP is best for you.

Advanced Nurse Practitioners are very experienced specialist nurses who have carried out additional medical education in order to be able to assess patients, investigate their problems, diagnose illnesses and prescribe medication. ANP's can provide treatment and advice for many problems for which you may previously have seen a doctor.

If your appointment is with an ANP, they can examine you, make a diagnosis, give you advice and treatment, including a prescription if required. They can order blood tests and X-rays, refer you to hospital doctors or other health care professionals and admit patients into hospital when necessary.

They work closely with your GP and they talk to each other about your care. ANP's cannot sign a sick note for work but they can make arrangements for one to be signed for you.

Having ANP's share the workload with GP's allows for more patients to be seen each day, while still giving you the specialist medical care you expect.

The Advanced Nurse Practitioner at Cumberland House Surgery is Jane Morton.

STAY WELL THIS WINTER



Flu jab ... are you eligible?

Free flu jabs are available at Cumberland House for those who are pregnant; over 65; or under 65 with a relevant existing health problem. Not sure? Just ask.

Extra Opening Hours

A network of **GP Practices** has been set up in parts of Staffordshire to offer **extended opening hours** for pre-bookable and same day routine appointments with a healthcare professional (e.g. Advanced Nurse Practitioner, Clinical Pharmacist, GP). All Healthcare Professionals who cover this service will be able to see your full medical records with your consent.

When you phone Cumberland House Surgery to book an appointment you will be told which GP Practice has these extra appointment times available. Different surgeries cover different days, with a rota system at weekends and bank holidays, which means that patients can be seen at convenient times and locations, depending on availability.

The extra hours are:

Weekdays 6:30 - 8:00 Saturdays 9:00 - 1:00
Sundays & Bank Holidays 10:00 - 12:00

See over for the list of surgeries taking part in this scheme.

Extended Opening Hours Surgeries

Patients may need to travel to the following surgeries;

Brewood Medical Practice	Kiddemore Green Rd, Brewood, Stafford ST19 9BQ
Castlefields Surgery	Castle Way, Stafford ST16 1BS
Crown Surgery	23 High St, Eccleshall, Stafford ST21 6BW
Cumberland House Surgery	8 High St, Stone ST15 8AP
Gnosall Surgery	Brookhouse Rd, Gnosall, Stafford ST20 0GP
Holmcroft Surgery	Holmcroft Rd, Stafford ST16 1JG
Mansion House Surgery	Abbey St, Stone ST15 8YE
Mill Bank Surgery	Water St, Stafford ST16 2AG
Penkridge Medical Practice	Pinfold Ln, Penkridge, Stafford ST19 5AP
Rising Brook Surgery	Merrey Road, Stafford ST17 9LY
Stafford Health & Wellbeing	Whitgreave Court, Stafford ST16 3EB
Weeping Cross Health Centre	Bodmin Ave, Stafford ST17 0EG
Wolverhampton Road Surgery	Wolverhampton Rd, Stafford ST17 4BS



We would like to hear from you!

What is the No 1 issue that you would like the PPG to tackle? Just write below and leave at reception.

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