



NEW MEDICAL CENTRE SOUTH WOODHAM FERRERS Newsletter / Patient Information February 2019

After receiving planning approval for this new Medical Centre in 2014, the current GP Practices in South Woodham Ferrers – Kingsway Surgery, Greenwood Surgery and Brickfields Surgery will be moving to this new location on the Burnham Road later this year. The construction of the New Medical Centre is well underway, and the building is to be completed by mid-June 2019.

Please see the summary of questions raised – before, during and after the Public meeting held on 9th January 2019, attached separately. This is divided into certain areas, Access, Operational, Travel and Transport, Pharmacies and Services.

We have also provided patients a “How to guide for ordering your repeat prescriptions”, please see this below.

We are currently waiting for the cladding to be added to the outside of the building. Most of the internal structure of walls, floor and heating has been installed as well as the lift shaft. We are having regular meetings with our monitoring surveyor and we will soon be deciding colour schemes for the building internally.

Patients will continue to see their own registered GPs, Nurse Practitioners, Practice Nurses and HCA's at this new medical centre.

Travel Plan

A travel plan for the staff, patients and visitors to the New Medical Centre are being prepared with the help of Essex County Council. The travel plan is a long term travel management strategy, using a package of practical measures designed to reduce single occupancy car use for journeys to and from work, for business travel and to tackle localised congestion. Travel plans are put together by employers and developers with the support of ECC Sustainable Travel Planning Team (STPT) and can be adapted to reflect the particular needs of individual organisations and the specific circumstances of their site. The Travel Plan will help to promote and deliver sustainable alternatives to single car occupancy, possibly using car sharing, promoting the use of public transport, encouraging walking and cycling. A travel plan would offer benefits for employer, employee and for the community by reducing congestion, improving journey times, improving “bad neighbour” parking, improving quality of life, reducing noise pollution, reducing CO2 emissions and improving air quality. We will be appointing a Travel Plan Co-ordinator soon who will be crucial as a main point of contact and also to implement a successful travel plan that is constantly monitored by surveys.

Transport for patients

Section 106 planning requirements – This is currently being worked on and more information will follow soon. We do fully understand the concerns that patients have about how they will get to the new medical centre and we will do everything we can to make this as easy as possible.

If you would like to take a look at the planning documents for the new medical centre.

Please use the reference number below on Chelmsford City Council website

<https://www.chelmsford.gov.uk> under Planning & Building Control.

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We will continue to update the FAQ's and also send out monthly newsletters informing you of progress and plans for the move to the new build in autumn 2019



[How to guide for ordering your Repeat Prescriptions](#)

- **Please allow two full working days (48 hours) for repeat prescriptions to be processed at the surgery, excluding weekends and Bank Holidays.**
- **Requests for repeat prescriptions cannot be accepted by telephone to avoid any possible errors.**

Patients on long term medication can order repeat prescriptions in the following ways:

- **Online** – All surgeries offer On-line access to be able to order repeat medication, book appointments and view your medical record. Please contact the surgery for registration and details.
- **Pharmacy** – Some pharmacies offer a repeat prescription service. Please speak to your local pharmacist to ask for more details.
 - **By email:** brickfieldssurgery@nhs.net
Greenwood.meds@nhs.net
Kingsway.receptionist@nhs.net
 - **By post** – send it to us with a stamped addressed envelope if you want it posted back to you.
 - **In person** – carefully tick the items required on your repeat slip and drop it in to the surgery. You can post it through the letter box if we're closed. Slips are also available from reception.