

South Woodham Ferrers new medical centre

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Newsletter

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Welcome – from Brickfields, Greenwood and Kingsway Surgeries

Welcome to the second edition of our joint newsletter to inform our patients and local residents about the move of Brickfields, Greenwood and Kingsway GP practices to a new medical centre at the Sainsbury's development on Burnham Road.

We are publishing these newsletters on a monthly basis leading up to our move into the new medical centre later this year.



You can also keep updated by visiting the surgeries to speak with our reception teams or visiting our websites:

www.greenwoodsurgery.co.uk

www.kingswaysurgery.net

www.brickfieldssurgery.co.uk

Frequently asked questions about the new medical centre are available on all three websites and these will be regularly updated.

Best wishes,

The Brickfields, Greenwood and Kingsway practice teams

Is my GP surgery going to be moving?

The three GP surgeries that are relocating are Greenwood Surgery, Brickfields Surgery and Kingsway Surgery.

These surgeries are moving to a new building to make better use of the resources available to the local NHS in a modern clinical setting.

Some of the facilities at the practices' current premises are no longer fit for purpose.

Save the date!

We will be holding a drop-in information session for South Woodham Ferrers residents next month. We want to give you another opportunity to find out more about the new medical centre.

We have arranged the drop-in on **Saturday 13 July, from 11am to 5pm in Champions Manor Hall.**

Different parts of the NHS and other partners will have stands at the event, where you can ask questions on the day. We look forward to seeing you.

Any further questions?

Just contact your practice.

- **Brickfields Surgery**
01245 328855 or brickfieldssurgery@nhs.net
- **Greenwood Surgery**
01245 426898 or greenwood.meds@nhs.net
- **Kingsway Surgery**
01245 321391 or kingsway.receptionist@nhs.net

Live well, Link Well – practical and emotional support

Live Well, Link Well is a free, confidential service offering practical or emotional support of a non-medical kind.

We've recently begun working with a Live Well Link Worker named Penny. She and other Link Workers build relationships with residents and families in need of social care and wellbeing support.



These services can range from help with managing carer services through exercise and weight management classes to befriending services for vulnerable and lonely people.

You can find out more information about the service on the Mid Essex CCG website and by searching Live Well, Link Well. You can self-refer into this service by contacting 0300 303 9988 or livewell.linkwell@nhs.net

Latest news

Name of the new medical centre and opening date

Thank you to everyone who shared their suggestions for the name of the new medical centre. All the ideas we received were considered and shortlisted.

The GPs from Brickfields Surgery, Greenwood Surgery and Kingsway Surgery then voted on their favourite from your suggestions and we are delighted to announce that our new premises will be called:



Crouch Vale Medical Centre

We have also been informed that all the building works on the new medical centre should be finished by the end of August so we are currently working towards a possible moving date in September. We will keep you updated in future newsletters of the opening date.

Primary Care Networks

In other news, a new national NHS plan gives all GP practices the chance to work in partnership through "Primary Care Networks" (PCNs). These PCNs should allow local GP practices to work more closely with each other, with community NHS staff and other health and care organisations to offer residents better, more joined-up care. All mid Essex practices are currently aligning themselves into PCNs.

PCNs will start from the 1 July. You may not notice a difference straight away but over time there will be more integrated working across local health and care and with district councils. The South Woodham Ferrers PCN will allow your GPs to be at the forefront of decision-making about local health and care.

There will also be additional staff in practices over the next three years, including more Live Well Link Workers, clinical pharmacists, physiotherapists and paramedics, to free up GP time so they can prioritise seeing patients who need their expertise and support.

Other services moving to the medical centre

The services currently delivered from the South Woodham Ferrers Clinic (opposite ASDA) by Provide, a community interest company, will also be moving to the new medical centre. These include Essex Sexual Health Service, outpatients physiotherapy, children's speech and language therapy, ENT (ear, nose and throat), audiology services and assessments for autism.

The South Woodham Ferrers clinic is owned by NHS Property Services, a national body separate from local NHS organisations including NHS Mid Essex Clinical Commissioning Group. How the clinic premises will be used in future is still under discussion and there is not yet a final decision.