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GP service extended across Sheffield

A new general practice access service will be introduced in Sheffield and across all of England on 1 October.

Patients will be able to book appointments outside normal practice hours between 6.30pm and 8.00pm, Monday to Saturday in 11 'hubs' across the city with more patients benefitting from appointments closer to home.

Appointments can be made by the patient's own practice.

Patients will be able to see a GP, nurse or another health professional at a time which is convenient for them and services will include vaccinations, health checks and screenings.

How is the new service different?

The previous 'extended access' service delivered by Primary Care Sheffield (PCS) and commissioned by NHS Sheffield CCG was available from 6.30-10.00pm every weekday and on Saturdays, Sundays and bank holidays. There is no longer a requirement to provide this service on Sundays and Bank Holidays as analysis showed that these appointments were under used and a high rate of people did not turn up.

Previously patients had to travel to one of four hubs in the city which disadvantaged those practices that were the furthest away from those hubs and patients who were unwilling or unable to travel to a location different to their normal GP surgery. Appointments could be booked no more than a couple of days in advance or on the same day and were booked by referring GPs.

Who is delivering the service?

Primary Care Sheffield is delivering the service for 12 out of 15 PCNs in the city, across eight locations using a system to buddy up groups of practices known as primary care networks (PCNs) to share these hubs. Patients can only go to the hub connected to their PCN, but the sites will be closer to where their normal in-hours services are delivered.

The hub sites are:

- Porterbrook Medical Centre
- Darnall Primary Care Centre
- Jordanthorpe Health Centre
- Crystal Peaks Medical Centre
- Burncross Surgery
- Fairlawns Medical Centre
- Flowers Health Centre
- Norwood Medical Centre

Details of the PCNs for the practices above, including all other practices in each PCN can be found on the Primary Care Sheffield website here: [Enhanced Access - Primary Care Sheffield](#)

Hillsborough, Townships 2 (Woodhouse area) and West 5 (Broomhill, Walkley, Crookes areas) PCNs will deliver the service themselves. Patients at the following PCNs will go to one of the hubs in their network:

Hillsborough Primary Care Network

- Tramways Medical Centre
- Far Lane Medical Centre
- Dykes Hall Medical Centre

Townships II

- Stonecroft Medical Centre
- Charnock Health Primary Care
- Jaunty Springs Health Centre
- Woodhouse Health Centre
- Richmond Medical Centre

West 5

- Walkley House Medical Centre
- Broomhill Surgery
- Manchester Road Surgery
- The Crookes Practice
- Selborne Road Medical Centre

Covid-19 and flu update

If you don't already know, the NHS will be inviting people for their covid booster this autumn. It will be offered to those most at risk of getting seriously ill from covid-19 first. If you're aged 75+, immunosuppressed or a care worker, you can book online now.

The autumn booster is an adapted covid-19 vaccine that targets and protects against both the original virus and the Omicron variant. The covid booster will reduce the chance of you becoming severely unwell from the virus.

It's easier than ever to get your autumn covid booster. They are available at 32 different clinics across Sheffield, so there should be a site near you. Take a look [here](#).

It's also important to note that the flu vaccination programme starts soon, where they have supplies of both vaccines, your GP will vaccinate you with both the flu vaccine and covid-19 booster at the same time but if you're invited separately, it's important you attend both appointments.

People eligible include:

- all children aged 2 or 3 years on 31 August 2022
- all primary school aged children (from reception to Year 6)
- secondary school children in years 7, 8 and 9 who will be offered the vaccine in order of school year (starting with the youngest first). This group are likely to be offered vaccination later in the year once children age 2 and 3 and primary school age children have been vaccinated.
- those aged 6 months to under 65 years in clinical risk groups
- pregnant women

- those aged 65 years and over
- those in long-stay residential care homes
- carers
- close contacts of immunocompromised individuals
- frontline staff employed by the following types of social care providers without employer led occupational health schemes:
 - a registered residential care or nursing home
 - registered domiciliary care provider
 - a voluntary managed hospice provider
 - Direct Payment (personal budgets) or Personal Health Budgets, such as Personal Assistants

People aged 50- to 64-year-olds that are not in a clinically at-risk group, are likely to be offered vaccination later in the year once people that are more vulnerable to covid-19 and flu, including those in clinically at-risk groups have been offered their vaccine.

As the number of covid infections increases over autumn, the covid booster and flu jab will help to reduce your risk of being seriously ill or being admitted to hospital.

Have your say on Sheffield GPs plans to move into new buildings

A public consultation over plans to invest millions in building up to four new GP health centres closes next week.

Sheffield has been given £37m to improve primary care buildings in the city. As part of this, four new health centres could be built by the end of 2023. This is one-off government money which is ringfenced for this purpose and cannot be spent on anything else.

NHS South Yorkshire is consulting on behalf of nine GP practices that are proposing to move into one of the new buildings in early 2024.

Currently, each practice has its own building. If the construction of the health centres goes ahead, GP practices will move, along with some other health services on site. This means GPs' existing buildings would close if they moved into the new ones. Practices won't merge, they will remain independent practices and patients will see the same GP and nurses and receive the same personalised care as they do now.

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The practices proposing to move to a new health centre are:

Centre	Practices interested in moving (existing buildings that will close)	Potential new location for practices sharing a building	Branch sites that may also close
Foundry 1	Burngreave Surgery, Sheffield Medical Centre	Spital Street (next to Sheffield Medical Centre)	Herries Road Surgery, Cornerstone Building

Foundry 2	Page Hall Medical Centre, Upwell Street Surgery	Rushby Street	
SAPA 1	Firth Park Surgery, Shiregreen Medical Centre	Concord Sports Centre	Melrose Surgery
SAPA	The Health Care Surgery, Buchanan Road Surgery, Margetson Surgery	Buchanan Road / Wordsworth Avenue	

Local people can have their say in several ways:

- Online – fill in the survey on the ICB website [here](#).
- Call or drop in to speak to one of our local community partners. They will also be visiting local groups and venues in their areas including [SOAR Community](#) (0114 213 4065) and [Firvale Community Hub](#) (0114 261 9130).
- Talk to independent research company SMSR who will be telephoning a random sample of patients.

The consultation runs until 9 October 2022. The NHS South Yorkshire will make a final decision on proposals in December 2022. If approved, GPs and new patients would start using the new buildings in early 2024.

Toolkit to support families who have been bereaved by suicide

Children, young people and families who have been bereaved by suicide have developed a new toolkit to help the people who support them in the aftermath of their bereavement.

The toolkit has been developed by young people and families working with Chilypep, NHS South Yorkshire and the Local Authorities in Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield, and was launched on 9 September - World Suicide Prevention Day. The toolkit can be found [here](#).

Give kids in your community a healthy start this new school year

As families up and down South Yorkshire send their children back to school after the summer holidays, we know it's usual for children to catch common viruses and bugs.

Whether this is their first term or their fifth year, it's vital for families to take some simple steps to reduce the spread of illnesses and keep children well. Read more [here](#).

ICB update

As you're probably already aware, NHS Sheffield CCG has become part of the new exciting NHS South Yorkshire.

NHS South Yorkshire is now responsible for commissioning and funding of health and care services locally. Please visit the new [website](#) for information about the work of the ICB and details about how to contact us.

Although this might seem like a big change, we are determined to ensure that we continue to work with you, our brilliant community organisations, to deliver the best possible care to all demographics, areas, and communities across Sheffield. Your work is vital, essential, and incredibly important and we vow to continue working with you throughout the ICB transition.

Other info

- Government [website](#)