PRESTON GROVE MEDICAL CENTRE

UPDATED CORONAVIRUS GUIDANCE:

Due to the ongoing situation with Coronavirus (Covid-19), we are taking measures in line with guidance provided by NHS England and Public Health Authorities to minimise risks associated with the virus. In order to protect our patients and staff, we need your support with this.

What does this mean for you?

DO NOT ATTEND THE SURGERY IF YOU ARE EXPERIENCING ANY SYMPTOMS SUCH AS A COUGH, AND FEVER, SELF ISOLATE AND USE <u>WWW.NHS.UK/CORNAVIRUS</u> AND NHS 111 WEBSITE FOR ADVICE.

CHANGES TO APPOINTMENTS

All appointments will be reviewed by our clinicians using AskMyGp and where possible converted to telephone, or eventually video consultations. Please go online using AskMyGp or telephone (please note out telephones are more busy at this difficult time)

PLEASE DO NOT ATTEND THE PRACTICE UNLESS YOU HAVE A PRE-BOOKED APPOINTMENT.

We will be ceasing the following appointments for the time being:

Spirometry

Ear Syringing

Travel health assessments and vaccinations

Minor operations and joint injections

Some blood tests for those that can wait.

Pill checks (will be carried out by telephone)

Asthma and COPD reviews will be conducted over the telephone/video with patients.

Diabetes reviews will be conducted over the telephone/video with patients. (bloods and blood pressure will still be taken)

Appointments that will continue are:

All wound management/dressings

Stitch removal

INR clinics and other essential blood tests

Vitamin B12 injections

Prostate cancer control injections

Childhood Immunisations

6 week mother and baby checks (Saturday only)

Smears

Depo-Provera Injections and some hormonal injections

Clinically indicated blood tests for those undergoing treatment

Clinically indicated blood pressure monitoring

Staff may be wearing full personal protective equipment. Please do not be alarmed by this, it is to try and prevent any further infection spreading. On arrival please use the hand sanitiser.

All prescription services will continue at present. Please note we will not issue more medication than usual to ensure we do not create a shortage or stock piling problem. So please don't ask as this puts undue pressure on our doctors, staff and local pharmacies. Please order medications in the usual way DO NOT USE ASKMYGP.