



2020

# MARDEN NEWS

The monthly newsletter from Marden Medical Practice May 2020

## CORONAVIRUS / COVID-19

Due to the current pandemic situation we have had to reduce some of the routine services that we offer.

### Services that are continuing as normal are:-

- ◇ **Child Immunisations**
- ◇ **Injections/treatments for cancers such as hormone injections**
- ◇ **Dressings**
- ◇ **Blood monitoring for certain drugs**
- ◇ **8 Week Baby and Postnatal Checks/Immunisations**

To reduce the footfall into the Practice patients are encouraged to contact us electronically using the eConsult system (see our website) Our clinicians are reviewing all appointment requests via triage and many of our consultations are being carried out by telephone or video consultation.

**Please continue to contact us if you are concerned that you have any symptoms you are worried about and conditionals that have not resolved or are worsening. Please see a list of some Examples below, but this is not an exhaustive.**

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| • Chest pains– we would advise 999 for this initially if severe                              | • Bleeding from back passage or passing urine– or bowels looser for more than 4 weeks |
| • Severe abdominal pains/ on going pains in belly  | • Breast lumps, testicular lumps, abdominal swelling, post menopausal bleeding        |
| • “funny turns” / strokes / sudden weakness– loss of speech / facial dropping– 999 initially | • Weight loss and general fatigue with no obvious cause                               |
| • Coughing up blood/ breathless-ness not due to Covid/ coughing for more 4 weeks             |   |
- Patients with serious on going health problems and having palliative care should still contact us as normal—we will call back and assess.**

### Useful Numbers

- Health Visitors 452300
- District Nurses 277709
- RSH 261000
- Family Planning 283382

### Pharmacies

- Rowland’s Sutton Farm  
369446
- Asda 276810
- Sainsbury’s 244744
- Taylor - Radbrook  
249931
- Williams Co-op  
344277
- Conway 352352
- Lunt’s - Hereford Rd  
351918
- Boots - Pride Hill  
351311
- Rhodes 343998
- Boots - Copthorne  
350747
- Lloyds - Riverside  
344523
- Tesco  
845449
- Pharmacy Express  
245715

### Prescription Ordering

The POD is obviously very busy at this time, if you are having trouble getting through, then you can also email your prescription order to them at [pod.shropshire@nhs.net](mailto:pod.shropshire@nhs.net).

## Shrewsbury Primary Care Network—

### COVID HOT HUB SITE based at STFC Car Park

The hub site is basically an outdoor GP Practice for patients with Covid, who need seeing because of their Covid symptoms or because they need an examination due to another condition or symptom. At the site, which is manned by a security team, a site manager, admin team and marshalls, you will arrive for a pre booked appointment (you will only be seen if you have an appointment that has been booked by your GP Practice, 111 or Shropdoc) in your car (no “on foot” patients will be given access) and you will be directed to either a drive-thru assessment lane, or a patient car park and then called into a clinical assessment room. Your obs, sats, temperature and blood pressure may be taken, and a course of treatment or recovery advice given, or if you are so seriously unwell that you require hospital admission the on-site clinicians will arrange this and an ambulance will be called.



The single most important action we can all take, in fighting coronavirus, is to stay at home in order to protect the NHS and save lives.

When we reduce our day-to-day contact with other people, we will reduce the spread of the infection. That is why the government has introduced three measures.

1. Requiring people to stay at home, except for very limited purposes.
2. Closing certain businesses and venues.
3. Stopping all gatherings of more than two people in public.



Every person in the UK must comply with these measures

### Hello and Goodbye

We would like to say Hello and Welcome to Victoria, who has now been with us for 2 months and is our newest member of the Reception Team.



It is with a heavy heart that we are saying Goodbye to Carol who has now retired. Carol was a much loved member of the admin team and had worked at the surgery for over 7 years. We would like to wish Carol all the very best in her retirement.

### Contact Information

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