

## USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS.

The Surgery  
Appointments and enquiries  
**01453 883793**

Repeat Prescriptions  
8.30-10.30am Monday-Friday  
**01453 883793 option 2**

NHS Emergency and Urgent Care Services  
when the Surgery is closed  
**111**

Gloucestershire Dental Access Centre  
Telephone number  
**0300 421 6440**

Minchinhampton Pharmacy  
**01453 882146**

PPG Patient Transport  
**01453 887314**

District Nurse  
**0300 421 6073**

Child Health Visitor  
**01453 836868**

Stroud General Hospital  
**0300 421 8080**

Foreign Travel  
[www.fitfortravel.nhs.uk](http://www.fitfortravel.nhs.uk)

The surgery is open  
8.30am to 6.30pm Monday to Friday,  
With the exception of Bank Holidays

During extended hours and Improved Access  
clinics before 8am or after 6.30pm Reception will  
be open for patients attending appointments, but  
phone lines will direct patients to Out of Hours  
services.

The surgery closes one afternoon a month,  
on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday,  
from 1.00pm to 3pm,  
for Doctor, Nurse  
and Reception Staff Training.  
Dates notified in advance.

Sexual Health Clinic  
Tuesday evening from 4pm

### Doctors

Partners: Drs Weir, Simpson, Cain,  
Xerri, Cooper & Beard  
Registrar: Dr Potter

**Nurse Manager**  
Ros Duncan

**Prescribing Nurse Practitioner**  
Sarah Gerald

**Practice Manager**  
Janet Biard

**Assistant Practice Manager**  
Kerry Thompson

**The Surgery, Minchinhampton. GL6 9JF.**



## MINCHINHAMPTON SURGERY

### NEWSLETTER

Winter  
2020

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## News from the Surgery

First of all we would like to thank all our kind and generous patients for the many Christmas gifts we received.

We say goodbye to Dr Dave Allcock in February when he finishes his 6 month placement with us. We wish him the very best of luck with the next phase of his training. As a training surgery we regularly have 4<sup>th</sup> year medical students on short placements. This year we welcome Tabi Unsworth-White who will be here throughout February.

We also say goodbye to Linda, our amazing secretary who retires at the end of February after over 22 years at the surgery. We wish her a long and happy retirement.

Finally, welcome back to Dr Xerri following her maternity leave. We have missed you!

### **Plans for a new £3.7million GP surgery to serve 9,000 patients have taken a significant step forward.**

The "more modern" health centre is being proposed to open in autumn 2021 in Minchinhampton to cope with a growing local population. The Gloucestershire clinical commissioning group (CCG) said the practice has outgrown its current surgery building in Bell Lane, and is proposing a new surgery be built in Vosper Field, Cirencester Road.

The CCG's primary care commissioning committee approved the business case for the health centre, and final approval rests with Stroud District Council's development control committee in 2020. If given the go-ahead, the new centre would have more than 60 car parking spaces.

Dr Tristan Cooper, GP Partner at Minchinhampton Surgery, said: "We outgrew our current building some years ago. "Having the right space and modern facilities would give us the base we need to meet the ever-increasing health and care needs of our patients and ensure that we can continue to provide high quality services for years to come."

Director of Primary Care at the CCG, Helen Goodey, said: "The primary care commissioning committee endorsed the proposals last week and we are delighted that this

development is moving forward. The new health centre would be modern, spacious and environmentally friendly with good access for people with disabilities and better facilities for children and families. It would enable doctors, nurses and other healthcare professionals to offer a broader range of services to patients."

The extra space would be used for additional consulting and treatment rooms, and would include more support from pharmacists, counsellors, dementia nurses and mental health practitioners as well as better access to minor operations and a range of clinics, such as respiratory and sexual health clinics.

This development is part of wider plans to improve GP premises across the county.

The planning application will be made in January 2020, and it is hoped that approval will be granted in April 2020.

## Minchinhampton Surgery Charitable Trust



The Minchinhampton Surgery Charitable Trust has been set up as a charitable organisation for fundraising to help support services not provided by the NHS. This means all patients can benefit from extra services that we run such as acupuncture and counselling. We hope that the Trust will be able to fund a health promotion room in the new Surgery so that we can offer even more services to promote healthy living for all our patients, locally in Minchinhampton. For more information about the Trust or to donate please go to: [www.minchinhampton.org](http://www.minchinhampton.org)

## Online First

Many of our patients already use SystmOnline, our online patient service. We would like to encourage more patients to use this system which enables you to

- Book appointments
- Request repeat medicines
- Check your blood test results
- View your medical record

Using SystmOnline can save you time with no need to visit the surgery or hold on the telephone.

Please ask at Reception if you would like SystmOnline. You will need to complete a form and bring in some ID so we can make sure we keep your information secure.

Many patients will also have noticed that prescriptions have changed recently. Now all prescriptions are sent electronically, even when you have not named a pharmacy that you would like them to go to. If you do not have a named pharmacy you will be given a "token" – that looks a lot like a prescription, to take to the pharmacy of your choice to get your medicines.

We would like to encourage patients to name a pharmacy to collect your medicines from, as this will save you the need to come to the surgery to collect a paper "token". Just inform reception of your chosen pharmacy.

## Polite Notice - Parking

Please could we kindly ask all patients/visitors to be considerate when parking, particularly not parking on the school zig-zags outside the school and Bell Lane.

You are not allowed to stop or park on yellow zig-zags, in this case between Monday to Friday 0800-1700. There are regular patrols who now have the authority to photograph offending cars and report them directly to the Police for possible prosecution (3 license points & £60 fine). Disabled

badge holders are not exempt. Additional parking is available behind the school and church up Bell Lane.