

**Information about us:
Address, contact details and opening times**

**Sothall Medical Centre
24 Eckington Road Sheffield S20 1HQ**

	Opening Hours
Monday	08:30 - 18:00
Tuesday	08:30 - 18:00
Wednesday	08:30 - 18:00
Thursday	08:30 - 18:00
Friday	08:30 - 18:00
Weekend	<i>closed</i>

We have temporarily suspended our early appointments (from 07:30) on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays as well as late night appointments on Tuesdays (till 20:00). This has been done to maximise our efficiency so that we can concentrate on our most vulnerable patients.

We also provide Doctors to cover the 'Hub appointments' at the **Woodhouse Medical Centre** which are available when appropriate, following a triage call from one of our GP's up to 10pm weekdays as well as Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays.

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57
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Sothall & Beighton
Medical Practice



Patient Newsletter



HOW THE PRACTICE HAS ADAPTED TO COVID-19

Whilst COVID-19 is still very much with us we are taking a number of precautions to reduce possible transmission. We are currently managing well and are carefully following the most up to date standard operating procedures (SOP's) designed to ensure that virus transmission is minimised. This is why many of our patients are being 'seen' via telephone or video consultations.

We are slowly starting to invite more patients into the surgery for routine face to face appointments. However, for the safety of our patients and staff if you are asked to attend for an appointment we ask that you do as follows;

- DO NOT enter the practice if you or any members of your household have any symptoms of COVID-19
- Wear a face covering, this can be something as simple as a scarf and doesn't necessarily need to be a face mask.
- Please do not come too early or late for your appointment. We are trying to keep the number of patients in the waiting room at any one time to a minimum. If you do come early you may be asked to wait outside at a safe distance or in your car if you have driven.
- Wherever possible please can you attend your appointment by yourself. We appreciate this is not possible in all cases as some patients may need to bring young children or may have a medical / social need that requires some assistance.

COVID-19 HUBS

We have access to two in and out of hours COVID-19 hubs at Sloan Medical Centre and Darnall Primary Care Centre. These have been specifically set up for patients showing COVID-19 symptoms to reduce the risk of transmission at non COVID sites.

Patients who are unable to make their own way without using public transport can access a dedicated COVID-19 taxi service through our reception team.

LONG TERM CONDITION ANNUAL REVIEW

We have spent the last few months working through how we can reinstate our annual long term condition reviews. To progress during COVID-19 whenever possible we will be doing some of the reviews via phone / video consultation. We will also be providing patients with self-help information and details regarding our social prescribers who can support patients in many aspects of life – not just your health condition.

STAFFING UPDATE

Dr Clare Baglee left the practice at the end of May to take on a new role at Rotherham Hospital. We would like to thank Dr Baglee for her dedication throughout her 2.5 years and wish her the very best.

We are pleased to announce that we have a new doctor joining the practice on Wednesday, August 5th. Working Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, **Dr Claire Nash** qualified from The University of Sheffield in 2014, with subsequent training in South Yorkshire.

Her medical interests are in sexual health and palliative care. Outside of work she enjoys hockey, running and (very amateur) gardening.

We look forward to welcoming her to the Sothall team.

We have also recently employed our own Pharmacy Technician, **Charlotte Ward**, who will be starting here at Sothall on July 13th. This should help free up our Practice Pharmacist to concentrate on more complex pharmaceutical issues, making better use of his skills.

PRIMARY CARE NETWORK SPECIALISED STAFF

Our Network which is made up of 5 local practices, are now employing some specialised staff which each practice can utilise. We have a Paramedic whose role is predominantly making home visits and a Physiotherapist working within the practice every Friday.

The Network are also in the process of employing a Pharmacy Technician and a Physician Associate.

SOTHALL AND MOSBOROUGH MERGER UPDATE

We had planned to formally merge practices at the end of March 2020 however as I'm sure our patients appreciate we have been somewhat distracted by the current pandemic. The Merger was put on hold however we are still planning to merge when the time is right.

SHEILDING PATIENTS NUMBERS

Sheffield City Council Coronavirus Community Support 0114 2734567
Government dedicated helpline (support) 0800 0288327
Link to the site:- <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus-extremely-vulnerable>