



Trinity Court Surgery

Newsletter

Spring 2022

Meet the Team!

Doctor William Fitchford, GP Partner

- Qualified 1990 at University of Birmingham Medical School.
- Special interests include Dermatology and Dermoscopy.
- He finds the variety of skin conditions very stimulating, especially their relevance to and insight into other more general medical conditions.
- Dr Fitchford has been a GP Partner at Trinity Court for 20 years having been a GP Partner in his training Practice in Didcot for 5 years.
- His favourite part of the job is working with such a fantastically talented, caring and hardworking group of staff at Trinity Court and Claverdon, with the exceptional teamwork demonstrated during the challenges of the pandemic a particular highlight and the satisfaction of observing how team members develop their careers over time.
- Some hobbies include tennis, dog walking, golf, sailing and gardening.
- A fun fact is that his dog's chin is going grey at exactly the same rate as his own!



Josie

Covid Passes for 12 to 16 year olds

Patients aged 12 years and older are now able to request vaccine certificates online via <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/get-digital-covid-pass/> or ring to request them via 119. Any certificates issued will be valid for a month and if a longer duration is needed it must be requested again.

Patients aged 13 years and older will be able to sign into the NHS app using their own email address and as long as they pass validation with a passport, they will get access to Covid vaccine certificates and also recovery certificates which will appear 10 days after a positive PCR test and remain valid until 180 days after the date of the test.

Spring Boosters

We have now started administering Spring Boosters for all over 75s as well as the extremely clinically vulnerable. The 4th dose is administered 3 months following the 3rd dose. We have sent out invitations to those who are currently eligible for this booster.

If you are housebound or over 75 and have not received an invite, please contact our reception team.

Claverdon Improvements

Claverdon Surgery has recently made some improvements to the facilities. We are happy to say that these have now finished, leaving us with a new disabled friendly patient toilet.



Easter Opening Times

- Thursday 14th April, Open as usual
- Friday 15th April, Closed
- Monday 18th April, Closed
- Tuesday 19th April, Open as usual

Charitable Causes

One of our members of the admin team has donated 14 inches of her hair to the Little Princess Trust, a charity that provides free real hair wigs to children and young people, up to 24 years, who have lost their own hair through cancer treatment or other conditions.

Want to get more involved with the practice? Why not join the Patient Participation Group?

The next meeting of the PPG will be a
Dementia Awareness

Session

led by Marie Darwen of
Stratford Dementia Friends

Wednesday 29th

June 2022

All meetings are virtual (via Zoom). To receive a link to join meetings, email:

ppg@trinitycourt.org.uk



PPGs are about implementing real, positive change in their communities. They have an increasingly important role to play in helping to give patients a say in the way services are delivered to best meet their needs, and the needs of the local community.

PPGs can help GPs to develop an equal partnership with their patients. They can help them to communicate accurately and honestly with individual patients, and with the wider community about key health matters. They can also help to reduce costs and improve services by identifying changes that the practice may not have considered, allowing resources to be used more efficiently. What is more, they can develop mutually supportive networks for patients and the practice, outside of individual appointments.

How will I benefit from being part of the PPG?

You will join a friendly and committed group of volunteers, united by our passionate commitment to the NHS. Meetings often include a presentation from members of the Practice staff or outside experts on a variety of interesting health-related topics. You will receive a copy of this newsletter four times a year straight to your in-box. You will also have the satisfaction of knowing that you have influenced decisions on the way the Practice is managed for the benefits of all patients.

I go to the Claverdon Surgery, can I still take part?

Yes! The PPG represents all patients of the Practice and we have an update on Claverdon matters at every meeting, when there is an opportunity for Claverdon patients to ask questions and express their views.

I'm interested, but I can't give up much time

That's OK. There is no commitment. You are simply joining a mailing list. We only meet four times a year and you can attend as few or as many meetings as you like. At present, we meet virtually, so you only need an Internet connection to attend meetings.

Email us at ppg@trinitycourt.org.uk for more details.

