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NEWSLETTER

WELCOME TO OUR NEWSLETTER

We hope you find this newsletter helpful in keeping you up to date with what's happening in the Network and also some local activities and charities. If you'd like to contribute a picture, a comic, a poem or something else entirely that we could include in our next edition please be sure to send them onto sally.oldbury@nhs.net.

WELL WOMAN CLINICS

Since May our PCN have funded special well women clinics in each of our practices as a one stop shop to help patients ensure they are up to date with the cancer screening available to them as well as a check on their heart health. This dedicated clinic time has given patients who were overdue their cancer screening to feel comfortable to talk over their concerns and feel comfortable to have the test performed.



PATIENT VIEWPOINT GROUP

Our next network-wide Patient Viewpoint group meeting will be held on 7th October 2022 at 2pm on MS Teams which will help us update you with our projects to date and our plans for the PCN.

We're always looking for people to help shape our services and make them even better! Why not join us – it only takes a few hours a year.

If you are interested, please contact our communications lead, Sally, on sally.oldbury@nhs.net know and we will email you asking for feedback on our plans a few times a year, as well as inviting you to our meetings.



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[nhs.uk/BetterHealth](https://www.nhs.uk/BetterHealth)

WHAT IS A PRIMARY CARE NETWORK?

The Tolson Care Partnership Primary Care Network (Tolson PCN) is based in Huddersfield, West Yorkshire, and we are made up of eight GP surgeries, with a combined patient list size of approximately 50,000. If you are a patient of The Waterloo Practice, The Whitehouse Centre, The University Health Centre, The Almondbury Surgery, Dalton Surgery, Greenhead Family Doctors, The Junction Surgery or Rose Medical Practice you are covered by Tolson PCN.

Please visit www.tolsonpcn.nhs.uk
or email kirkccg.tolsonpcn@nhs.net



Gordon the composer!

MUSIC TO YOUR EARS

If you are a patient of The Waterloo Practice you may have heard their new telephone hold music. The Patient Participation Group members for the practice felt it was time for a change to the hold music. Brilliantly one of their very own PPG members, Gordon, explained that he composes music.

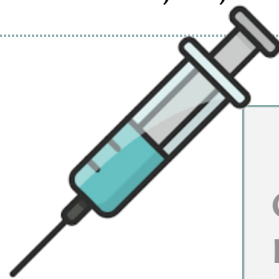
The new music is lovely to listen to due to this very talented member of their PPG group. If you have a talent that could help your practice improve—why not let them know?! We'd be happy to hear from any budding poets or artists to feature your work in our newsletters.

EVENING & WEEKEND APPOINTMENTS

From 1st October we are able to offer evening and weekend appointments at other practices in the Network. A variety of staff will be available at these clinics. We hope that these will prove particularly useful to our patients who are at work, uni,

college, or school, and may struggle to make it to daytime sessions.

The Practices hosting are; The University Health Centre, Rose Medical Practice, Waterloo Practice, Almondbury Surgery, Greenhead Family Doctors, Dalton Surgery, and Junction Surgery.



FLU & COVID VACCINATIONS BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER 2022

Watch out for messages from your practice about their arrangements for vaccination clinics SOON!

GPs URGE PATIENTS TO COMPLETE "LIFE-SAVING" BOWEL SCREENING TESTS

Regular NHS bowel cancer screening reduces the risk of dying from bowel cancer. Bowel cancer is the 4th most common type of cancer. Screening can help prevent bowel cancer or find it at an early stage, when it's easier to treat.

Test kits are sent out to some patients and others are invited for a scope.

When you receive your invite please take up the offer for this life-saving test.

If you've misplaced your invite, please give the team a call on 0800 707 60 60

PLANNED CLOSURES

Your practice will be closed for the Bank Holidays on;

- ◇ Monday 26th December
- ◇ Tuesday 27th December
- ◇ Monday 1st January 2023

Please order your medications in good time during busy bank holiday periods.

Our half day closures for protected learning time are:

- ◇ 20th September 1-6pm
- ◇ 18th October 1-6pm
- ◇ 15th November 1-6pm
- ◇ 20th December 1-6pm

When your surgery is closed please call 111 to access a local GP urgently.

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