



Your Doctors

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OPENING TIMES

8am—6.00pm

Dispensary 9am-6pm

Closed Saturday & Sunday

Enhanced Access

Monday & Tuesday evening, by pre-booked appointment only.

Call 111 for medical advice & direction: 999 for life-threatening emergencies.

When to call 999?

You should always call 999 in a life-threatening emergency: heavy bleeding, chest pain, collapse or losing consciousness, extensive/major burns, sudden facial or limb weakness, seizures, spinal injury, floppy unwell infant, severe allergic reaction, poisoning or overdose, headache with loss of consciousness **all need 999.**

If you are unsure what to do, dial 111 to be directed.



BRADWORTHY in the TOP TEN!

It's always good to read good news, especially when it's about Bradworthy Surgery. As part of a monthly release of NHS statistics, aimed at improving transparency by comparing GP surgeries across the UK, Bradworthy Surgery was listed in practices with the 10 highest percentages of face-to-face appointments in Devon on a Devon Live report. Figures were taken in November and report a staggering 96% of appointments being face-to-face, which is far higher than the 75% or under happening in other practices.

For full details of the article go to:
<https://www.devonlive.com/news/devon-news/devons-gp-practices-listed-best-7883000>



Because statistics can sometimes be unreliable, we did a little tally ourselves for November.

Face-to-face appointments	660
Telephone consultations	86
AccuRx online consultations	13
Missed appointments	9
Prescriptions issued	2185

Although not quite the Devon Live 96%, our figures show 88.5% of our appointments are held face-to-face. We feel this is a figure to be rightly proud of, and speak of the hard work and dedication of our GP and nursing teams. Thank you all.

We will be closed for the Christmas and new year break on:

**Monday 26th & Tuesday 27th December
as well as on Monday 2nd January 2022.**

**Last day for ordering prescriptions
20th December**

**Last day for collections Friday 23rd
December**

STREP A & SCARLET FEVER

There has been a lot of attention in the news regarding an increase in cases of Strep A and Scarlet Fever recently. There is a wealth of information on the internet, some more helpful than others. We would direct you to the following sites:

NHS Strep A information can be found here: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/strep-a/>

NHS Scarlet Fever information can be found here: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/scarlet-fever/>

A very useful guide from the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health, with guidance on when to seek help, and good images, can be found here: <https://www.what0-18.nhs.uk/parents/carers/worried-your-child-unwell/scarlet-fever>

If in any doubt, and if you have concerns about your child's health, please call us, or call 111 for advice and direction if we are closed.

UK Health Security Agency #GroupASTrep

Group A Strep (GAS)

Parents should trust their judgement when their child is poorly. Speak to your GP or call 111 if your child is poorly and getting worse.

Always call 999 or go to A&E if your child:

- ▶ Is having difficulty breathing - such as grunting noises or their tummy sucking under their ribs
- ▶ there are pauses when your child breathes
- ▶ child's skin, tongue or lips are blue
- ▶ is floppy and will not wake up or stay awake.

Thank you to everyone who has had their flu and/or Covid vaccination this autumn and winter.

If you still need a flu jab, we will be offering these both sides of the festive break. Please book in with a nurse.

It is unlikely that there will be any Covid vaccinations being offered at the surgery in the new year. If you have been unable to have your Covid vaccination and still want one please go the national booking service here:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/book-coronavirus-vaccination/>



or call
119.



Help Us Help You



Self Care

Stock your medicine cabinet as many minor issues, like coughs, grazes and sore throats are treatable at home.



Pharmacy

Pharmacists offer medical advice and medicines for minor illnesses like coughs, colds, tummy trouble, rashes and aches and pains, and also give flu jabs.



GP

Within normal surgery hours your GP should be your first contact with health concerns. GPs provide examinations, advice, prescriptions, vaccinations and referrals.



NHS 111

You should call 111 when you cannot wait to see your doctor. NHS 111 is a fast and easy way to get the right help urgently, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.



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A&E

A&E departments in hospitals are open for life threatening emergencies like heart attacks and accidents, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Wishing everyone a peaceful festive break!