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WE WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE OUR SECRETARY GWEN.

Hello my name is Gwen and I am the Medical Secretary at Oakmeadow Surgery. I have been at Oakmeadow since September 2021, but have worked within the NHS for eleven years.

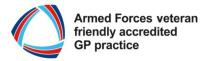
My job consists of supporting the GPs and Managers and ensuring that all the referrals are processed in a timely manner. I also have contact with patients and their families as well as working with other healthcare staff and our team of Healthcare Navigators and Admin Team.

I am here at the surgery 8am to 3pm Monday to Thursday.

In my free time I enjoy walking my dogs, going to the gym, cooking and baking sourdough bread and other treats.







Proud to be providing NHS services.



If you are referred to the hospital by your GP please do not ring the surgery to chase your appointment. Please contact the Booking Centre on 0300 303 1563 or by email at bookingcentre@uhl-tr.nhs.uk

They will be able to help you and advise on what the waiting times currently are.

Referrals this month 243



DNA'S this month for Oakmeadow was 139

You can cancel an appointment by calling us and choosing

OPTION 0

Please **remember** we are now using our online link.

The link:

florey.accurx.com/p/c82008

If you are having any issues with using this link please come in to the surgery at 8am and we can talk you through it.

Pharm Refer.

As some of you know we can now refer you to the pharmacy for minor illnesses.

These include

- Bites and stings
- Cold and Flu
- Congestion
- Ear issues
- Eye issues
- Sickness and diarrhoea
 - Thrush
 - Pain
 - Skin rashes
- Mouth and throat issues
 - Swelling

"This month we have made 97
referrals to the Community
Consultation Service, freeing up GP
appointments to be used by patients
who need to see a doctor"

ELIGIBLE VACCINATION GROUPS

Covid 19 Autumn 2024	Flu 2024/2025
Aged 6 months to under 65 years in clinical risk	Aged 6 months to under 65 years in clinical risk
groups **	groups **
Aged 65 years and over	Aged 65 years and over
Residents in a care home for older adults	Those in long-stay residential care homes
Frontline health and social care workers and staff working in care homes.	Carers in receipt of carer's allowance, and the main carer of an elderly or disabled person
	Close contacts of immunocompromised individuals
	Frontline staff
	Those living in long-stay residential care homes or nursing homes, and house-bound patient.
	Pregnant women
	Children aged 2 or 3 years old (on 31 August 2024)
	Primary school-aged children (from Reception class to Year 6)
	Secondary school-aged children from Years 7 to 11

^{**} Clinical high risk groups: Chronic (long-term) respiratory disease, Chronic neurological disease, A weakened immune system (HIV/AIDS) or cancer treatment, Morbidly obese (>40 BMI), Chronic heart disease, such as heart failure, Chronic kidney disease at stage 3, 4 or 5, Chronic liver disease, A learning disability, Diabetes and adrenal insufficiency, Splenic dysfunction or asplenia, Chronic heart and valve disease, Younger adults in long-stay nursing and residential care settings, Severe mental illness

We are pleased to announce that we are now offering repeat dispensing (monthly automated cycle for six months) or two-monthly prescriptions for eligible patients.

For patients on repeat dispensing, you will be able to collect your medication automatically from your local pharmacy monthly but will be required to request your medications after the 6-month cycle.

For those on a 2 monthly cycle you can receive your regular medications every two months by requesting as usual.

These services will save you time and hassle and hopefully reduce the need for frequent trips to the pharmacy, ensuring a consistent supply of your medications. Please contact us for further information.