

## Marden Medical Centre Patient Participation Group



# News Update

### Marden Medical Centre News:

For the latest Marden Medical Centre updates please refer to the Surgery website:

<https://www.mardenmedicalcentre.nhs.uk/>



### Full Access to Medical Records

NHS England have planned that from 1<sup>st</sup> November all patients over the age of 16 should automatically have full access to all their medical records that are held electronically.

Whilst we wish to support the principle of patient access we have been advised by the BMA that we should only turn on universal access when appropriate data control and safeguarding checks have been implemented.

We will be undertaking these processes in the coming weeks to ensure safe implementation.

In the meantime, patients who already have online access will not have their settings changed and we will continue to respond to individual patient requests as per our current policy.

### Flu and Covid Immunisation Clinics 2022

The Surgery will be offering Flu and Covid immunisations to all patients in eligible groups at the Marden Medical Centre. Please check the Surgery website for the latest information.

Flu and Covid clinics - current date:

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 0830-1100**

**ALL THOSE IN ELIGIBLE COHORTS WILL BE CONTACTED BY LETTER OR TEXT TO INVITE THEM TO CLINICS BUT IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT YOU LOOK OUT FOR UPDATES ON OUR WEBSITE, FACEBOOK PAGE AND THE NOTICEBOARD OUTSIDE THE SURGERY AS THESE CLINICS MAY BE SUBJECT TO LAST MINUTE CHANGES.**

Please also ensure that the Surgery has up to date contact details for you, ideally a mobile phone number or email. *If your cohort is eligible and you have not been contacted and feel you should have been contacted – please call the Surgery.*

## NHS App

**If you have not already done so - Please consider using the NHS App.** We still receive prescription requests on paper and by emails from chemists which are both slow to upload manually and have scope for mistakes around the items you need. **Please consider using the NHS app to make things faster and safer.**

The app will also allow you get health information and advice, manage your appointments, see most of your GP medical records and get Covid passes. A full guide on how to access the app is on our Surgery website but this is a basic summary:

You will need to have the following:

- A smart phone with camera
- An email account
- Your NHS number will help but is not essential, it is on most printed prescription slips
- A photo ID such as passport or driving license
- It will take a few minutes to do and a few hours to be verified

You will need to electronically send a picture of the ID and then record a short video. Each step is explained. Simply download the free **NHS app** from your Appstore or Google Play store. This is the one the GPs would recommend you use. If you are having difficulty accessing or using the App – please contact [mardenppg.org.uk](mailto:mardenppg.org.uk) or call John Haddow on 07769538897.



## International Day of Persons with Disabilities 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2022



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3 DECEMBER

3<sup>rd</sup> December 2022 is the UN's International Day of Persons with Disabilities. Since 1992, the United Nations IDPD has been annually celebrated around the world. Disability inclusion is an essential condition to upholding human rights, sustainable development, and peace and security.

<https://www.un.org/en/observances/day-of-persons-with-disabilities>

**Other News:**

**Covid Boosters**



Covid vaccine bookings can also be made on the **NHS National Booking** site for nearby locations. <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/book-coronavirus-vaccination/>

**The Marden Pharmacy also currently offers walk-in Flu vaccinations.**

**New PPG Marketing Materials**

With the help of a neighbouring PPG – the Brenchley and Horsmonden PPG – we have produced some new marketing material to encourage more patients to join the PPG. Please encourage patients to sign-up.

**NHS**

**Marden Medical Centre**

**PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP (PPG)**

The PPG works in partnership with the Marden Medical Centre to:

- Foster improved communication between the Centre and its patients
- Help patients to take more responsibility for their health
- Contribute to the continuous improvement of services and the quality of care
- Provide practical support for the practice and help to implement change.

We meet three or four times a year and, if you are a registered patient at the Marden Medical Centre, you are invited to join the Patient Participation Group. To learn more about us, please fill in the slip below and leave it at the surgery or email us on [mardenppg.org.uk](http://mardenppg.org.uk). One of the current PPG members will be in touch in due course.

**Join our Patient Participation Group**  
 I'm interested in learning more about the PPG and I would like to know the date of the next meeting. I am a registered patient at the Marden Medical Centre. (Please hand in the completed form at the surgery.)

Name (PLEASE PRINT) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Marden Medical Centre A5 Recruitment leaflet v10