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Carers

Please let us know if you care for someone on a regular unpaid basis, so that we may offer you additional support.

Facilities for Nursing Mothers

You are welcome to breastfeed in our waiting room. However, if you would prefer somewhere more private, please ask our reception staff.

New Patient Health checks

Any new patient may request a health check appointment with one of our nurses within the first 6 months of registering with the practice. This will involve recording some basic measurements such as height, weight and blood pressure, and talking to you about lifestyle factors such as smoking and alcohol. Please contact the office on (0117) 330 2720 (select option 2).

Further Advice and Support

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Alternatively, if you experience problems accessing local healthcare services, or have a general enquiry, the Patient Advisory and Liaison Service (PALS) can offer advice and support. Telephone (0117) 900 3433.

Finding a Dentist

We do not provide dental treatment. You can go online at www.nhs.uk to find your nearest dentist.

Practice Area

Our practice area covers most addresses in BS1, BS7 and BS8, and some addresses in BS1, BS7 and BS15. Use the postcode checker on our website to see if your address is within our area.

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Appointments

We offer appointment times between 9am and 5pm every weekday. We also offer routine appointments on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings between 6.30pm and 8pm and on Saturdays between 9am and 12.15pm. Evening and Saturday appointments must be booked in advance and are not suitable for medically urgent issues. Appointments can be booked online, by telephone, or in person.

Appointment Types

Consultations with clinical staff may be held over the telephone, by video link or in person.

Routine: These can be booked in advance. The doctor or nurse will deal with all major problems as s/he can within the appointment time, which is usually 10 or 15 minutes.

Same day: These are for one problem only and can be booked from 8.45am.

Urgent: Medically urgent problems will always be seen, but please contact us as early in the day as possible. If our doctors are fully booked, someone may call you to discuss this.

For more information on booking appointments or how to book with please visit our website.

Nurses

Our nursing team deal with a wide range of problems including cuts & bruises, sore throats, flu, wounds and injuries, urinary infections, eye problems and can offer advice on a range of other matters including contraception and sexual health. We have 7 nurse prescribers who can issue prescriptions for certain medicines, including contraception. We also have 2 Mental Health Nurses and specialist nurses for asthma, diabetes and Sexual Health.

Home Visits

If you feel very unwell, please telephone (0117) 330 2721, during the morning if possible. You will normally be put through to a nurse who will discuss your symptoms with you and who can arrange for a doctor to visit if necessary. If possible, we prefer to see you in the surgery where we have investigation and treatment facilities.

Online & SMS Services

With a PIN, you can book and cancel appointments, request repeat prescriptions, update your contact details and access your medical information online. If you opt into our SMS service we can send appointment reminders, test results and messages regarding your care to your mobile phone. Please ensure that you advise us of any change to your mobile number. Please contact our Appointments Desk to register for online access and obtain your PIN. If you register at the start of the academic year, there may be a delay before you can register for online access, due to the high volume of new patients joining us at this time.

Further information about these services is available from our website: bristol.ac.uk/student-health.

When the Surgery is Closed

Overnight, at weekends and on public holidays you can access medical help and advice by contacting NHS 111 – dial 111 to access. Care will be provided to you by our local deputising service, who are contracted by BNSSG CCG. Your local pharmacist can also provide you with advice and treatment for a range of minor ailments and emergency contraception.

Our Services

Sexual Health

Doctors and nurses are available to give you advice on all aspects of sexual health. If you think you have symptoms of a sexually transmitted infection (STI) then please contact our office team on (0117) 330 2720 (option 2). If you have no symptoms but wish to be screened for chlamydia and gonorrhoea, you can pick up a free test kit from various points around the practice, at some local pharmacies or request a postal kit from Unity Sexual Health www.unitysexualhealth.co.uk. They also offer a full sexual health screening service free of charge.

Contraception

To discuss a new method of contraception, or to renew your current method, please make an appointment with a nurse prescriber or doctor. We can also fit and remove contraceptive coils and implants and provide pregnancy testing. Please contact our Appointments Desk for details.

The emergency pill is used to prevent unwanted pregnancies near unprotected sex. It is most effective within the first 12 hours but can be taken up to 120 hours after sex. It can be obtained from the nurses at Student Health, Bristol City Walk-in Centre or bought over the counter from pharmacies. Some pharmacies can supply it free to patients under 25. Please contact our Appointments Desk (option 1) for details.

Cervical Screening

Women aged 25 and over are eligible for cervical screening every 3 years; reminders are issued by our local cervical screening office. To make an appointment telephone (0117) 330 2720 (option 2).

Minor Surgery

We offer minor surgery clinics for the investigation and treatment of many commonly occurring skin ailments. These are for one problem only and can be booked from 8.45am.

We are fully booked, someone may call you to discuss this.

Travel Clinic

We only offer those travel vaccines that are provided free of charge by the NHS; please see our website for more details.

We recommend that prior to travel you visit www.fitfortravel.nhs.uk/home for advice and information. There are a number of private travel clinics in the city that offer a full range of vaccinations.

Minor Surgery

Nurse Cameron can provide minor surgery for ingrowing toenails. Please make an appointment with her to discuss this.

Repeat Prescriptions

You will need to book an appointment the first time you request any medication prescribed by a previous GP practice. After this, we can issue repeat prescriptions for many routine medications without seeing you every time. In order to obtain repeat prescriptions within 48 hours of your request, the original prescription must have been made within the last 6 months. The 48 hour repeat prescriptions is to register for online access. A prescription can be signed directly to any nominated pharmacy in England for you to collect. Please contact the Appointments Desk for further details.

Certificates & Letters

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