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# Hampton Hill Medical Centre

Welcomes New Registrations



## Welcome Doctors!

We are delighted to let you know that Dr Monal Wadhwa has given birth to a little girl. Both mother and baby are doing well and thankful for all the kind messages they've received. Caring for her patients will be Dr Chandni Patel, an experienced former Partner who has relocated from Reading with her young family. She will be available on Wednesdays and Fridays by appointment.

Welcome to Dr Claire Sillitoe who joined the practice in the summer following the departure of Dr Karina Knights. She worked in Acton for many years and brings a wealth of compassion and skill to our team. She is available on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

We are fortunate to also have Dr Shormila Dutta onboard from late September. She is experienced in cardiovascular medicine and was also a GP Partner at Cloister Road Surgery.

## Dr Charlotte Pennycook moves on from HHMC

It is with regret that Dr Pennycook, Senior Partner, will be leaving the team at the end of September. Many of you will be aware that she has faced a very difficult personal time due to ill health in close family members. Upon reflection she has decided to take a break and spend more time with her young boys. She wishes all her patients the very best. If you would like to send her a message, do use the book at our reception desk.

### Save the Date!

Health Fair  
**9th September**  
Teddington  
Memorial Hospital  
showcase their  
services 11am-2pm

Flu Kick Off!  
**13th September**  
Flu vaccines will be  
available by appt or  
as a walk in service  
from this date on

Flu Saturday  
**23rd September**  
Drop in if eligible  
for Flu, Pneumonia  
or Shingles or  
Pertussis Vaccines!



# Longer Opening Hours

## Additional Clinics at HHMC

We now offer services beyond NHS requirements. Early bird clinics start at 0730 on Mondays and Tuesdays. Minor surgery for lumps and bumps is by referral to in-house surgeon Dr Amir Mansoor. Drs Sekhon & Staples fit and remove coils and implants, and with Dr Lees, offer a full range of joint injections.



## Richmond Wellbeing Service

The RWS Psychology services will be moving from its base at Richmond Royal Hospital (now sold to developers) to St John's Health Centre in Twickenham. This means counseling and therapy services will be closer to the surgery and direct referrals can still be made by telephoning 020 8548 5550. They also see patients in our premises.

## Changes to Prescriptions

The Richmond Clinical Commissioning Group conducted extensive consultation and met in public on 18<sup>th</sup> July to decide how best to manage the healthcare budget locally. As a result, Richmond CCG no longer supports NHS prescriptions for gluten free foods, low dose vitamin D and all other medicines available to buy over the counter.



## Whooping Cough and Mumps

We strongly advise all pregnant women to see us for the flu and whooping cough vaccines as these illnesses can be devastating in pregnancy and newborns. We are seeing cases of mumps again and together with last year's outbreak of measles, we would recommend that all children and women ensure they've had the MMR.