

Nurses duties

Dear Patients

The following list gives all reasons for making an appointment with the Nurse and **not** the doctor.

- **New patients checks** e.g. blood pressure / height/ weight
- **Asthma checks yearly** – if established diabetic diagnosis
- **COPD** (emphysema and chronic bronchitis) checks yearly – if established diabetic diagnosis
- **Diabetes checks** –if established diabetic diagnosis
- **Wound dressings** e.g. ulcers
- **Suture removals** – as indicated by the hospital e.g. post operations / post A&E injury sutures.
- **Childhood immunisations** (please bring your child's red book)
- **Flu jabs** (when correct season)
- **Ear syringing** – please note the doctors do NOT perform this. You need to see the doctor first who then instruct you to make an appointment with the nurse if syringing is needed.
- **Travel immunisations** – NHS covers only some travel diseases (other disease immunisations will need to be done privately)
- **Cervical Smears** (check with reception regarding your last smear – usually 3 yearly)
- **Vaginal swabs** e.g. sexually transmitted diseases
- **Repeat contraception** e.g. pills/ injections if already established on medication
- **Psychiatric injection medications** – for established patients only.

Please enquire about any of the above with reception.

Thank you

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