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Introducing our NEW Website - www.braminghamparkmedicalcentre.com

As part of our commitment to improve services available to our patients we have launched a new website www.braminghamparkmedicalcentre.com. The new site features a whole range of useful features including online patient services allowing patients to book appointments, order repeat prescriptions and more.

Who can I expect to see at the surgery?

Advanced Nurse Practitioner

Jane Morton is Bramingham Park Medical Centre's Advanced Nurse Practitioner (ANP). ANP's are highly trained specialist nurses who have undertaken additional education to enable them to assess and examine you, make a diagnosis, provide advice, order tests, give treatment and prescribe medication if applicable. ANP's can also make referrals to hospital doctors in order to arrange emergency admission to hospital when necessary.

Minor Illness Nurse

Michele Willis is Bramingham Park Medical Centre's Minor Illness Nurse. Michele is an experienced Practice Nurse who has undertaken additional education, qualifying as a Specialist Nurse in Minor Illness and also as a prescriber. This enables her to assess and examine you, make a diagnosis, provide advice, order tests, give treatment and prescribe medication if applicable. Michele also provides care as a Practice Nurse managing long term conditions such as diabetes, asthma, high blood pressure, heart disease, also contraception, smears, vaccinations and dressings.

Practice Nurse

Marie Park is an experienced practice nurse and provides care for patients with long term medical problems, dressings, smears, immunisations and travel vaccines.

Appointments

There are 'On the day appointments' available every weekday. There are also some pre-bookable appointments.

Things are changing due to the advanced training of nurses. Jane & Michele can see you for many conditions that were previously only treated by a doctor. Please be assured they work closely with your GP and liaise with him/her about your care.

Some patients, often those with complex or long-standing problems, may need an appointment with a doctor. However, the ANP is usually able to assess the situation and in some cases will organise initial tests and investigations prior to arranging a follow-up appointment with the GP.

When you call the surgery a receptionist will ask you to briefly explain the nature of your problem and will give you an appointment with the most appropriate member of our team. Please accept their guidance.

Fit Notes (Sick notes)

Nurses are not legally able to sign Fit Notes so you will need to see your GP for these.

Are you travelling abroad soon, if so do you need any vaccinations?



If you require any vaccinations relating to foreign travel you need to make an appointment with the practice nurse to discuss your travel arrangements. This will include which countries and areas within countries that you are visiting to determine what vaccinations are required.

It is important to make this initial appointment as early as possible - at least 6 weeks before you travel - as a second appointment will be required with the practice nurse to actually receive the vaccinations.

These vaccines have to be ordered as they are not a stock vaccine. Your second appointment needs to be at least 2 weeks before you travel to allow the vaccines to work.

Some travel vaccines are ordered on a private prescription and these incur a charge over and above the normal prescription charge. This is because not all travel vaccinations are included in the services provided by the NHS.

For further information about travel vaccinations visit NHS Choices at www.nhs.uk/conditions/Travel-immunisation/Pages/Introduction.aspx or ask at reception.

How can I make a difference in my Medical Practice?

Join our Patient Participation Group

Your views are important to us and we would like to involve you in the future of the surgery. Once a quarter we hold "Patient Participation Group" meetings so we can share ideas with you. If you would like to join these meetings please leave your details with reception and we will contact you.

Alternatively please leave your e-mail address with the surgery if you would like to be a virtual member, so we can e-mail you for your feedback on things like planned developments or improvements on our patient survey.



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<http://www.braminghamparkmedicalcentre.com/ppg.aspx>.