

WILLINGHAM & LONGSTANTON SURGERIES
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A&E is not an alternative to a GP appointment. If we are closed, please call 111.

Shingles Vaccination

Almost a million more people (900,000) will become eligible for a shingles vaccination from 1st September 2023.

The extension of those eligible for the shingles vaccine is complicated and will be phased until 2028.

From 1 September 2023, those turning 65 and 70 will also be able to get the vaccine after their birthday, in addition to those already aged 70-80.

You ARE eligible for the vaccine this year if:

- You are aged 70 to 79 years
- Your DOB is between 1st Sept 1953 to 31st Aug 1954
- Your DOB is between 1st Sept 1958 to 31st August 1959
- You are severely immuno-suppressed & over the age of 50 (Please do not call the surgery - you will be invited if you fall into this category)

You ARE NOT eligible for the vaccine this year if

- You are aged over 80
- Your DOB is between 1 Sept 1954 to 31st August 1958

Please contact the surgery to book your appointment with a practice nurse.

Please note, the Nurse will check you are eligible for the vaccine after booking, and you will be sent an SMS cancelling the appointment if you do not fall within the eligibility criteria.

Flu Vaccinations – Book your appointments

Please support our surgery this year and book your flu vaccination with one of our nursing team. We are once again offering dedicated flu clinics on Saturdays. Please contact reception to book your appointment with us ASAP. You can also book your appointment online using Systmonline or the NHS app.

Patient Participation Group

The next open meeting for the Patient Participation Group (PPG) will be on Thursday 19th October from 1:00pm – 3:00pm at the Northstowe Community Centre. For further information please contact Chris Thornhill at crthornhill@gmail.com

Repeat Prescriptions

Please be reminded that the current turn around for repeat prescriptions is 3 working days. We have been made aware that patients ordering prescriptions via the NHS app are informed their prescription is available the next day for collection. Unfortunately this is not the case and we are unable to change this automated update on the NHS app (the app is managed externally

and not by the practice). Many thanks for your patience and understanding.

Carers Meeting

If you are a carer for someone and need advice and financial or emotional support, please come along to our carers support meeting **on Weds 4th October** at Willingham Surgery, where we will be holding a drop in meeting **between 2pm and 4pm**. Please come along and get some support from other people in the local community. Refreshments provided, no need to pre-book and completely **FREE!**

Closure Afternoon

Willingham Surgery and the Longstanton Dispensary will be closed from 1pm on Wednesday 18th October for staff training. We will re-open at 8:30am on Thursday 19th October. If you need urgent medical assistance during the closure afternoon, please call 111 who will direct you to the appropriate service.

Willingham Pharmacy will remain open from 2pm-6pm .

Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of every month at Willingham Surgery. Please contact Sue Lawson at the surgery or email her at susan.lawson7@nhs.net for more information.

Lisa Smith –Assistant Practice Manager–October 2023