

## Newsletter December 2025



## **Patient Participation Group (PPG)**

PPG's are a great way for Patient's to meet with the team here at the Surgery to help us to continue to deliver high quality services.

They meet regularly with the Practice manager, GP's and various other staff members to identify what can be improved and how to implement the changes needed to con-tinue our strong relationship.

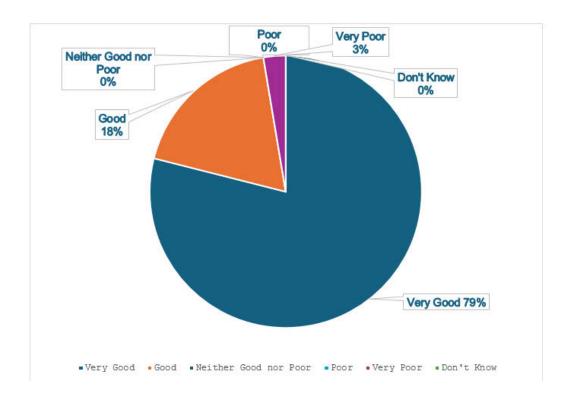
These meetings also provide support to individual patients, and help them to make informed decisions about managing their health conditions, and show people where to find additional services and support in the community.

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## Friends and Family Test Results November 2025



97%

of patients who responded to our survey in November 2025 said that our service was **Very Good** or **Good**.

Thank you for responding to our survey as this helps us to continuously improve our service :)

# Winter Wellbeing Tips



We all know we need to dress appropriately to keep warm this winter, but when your at home there is one thing we all love to rely on to help, our home heating system. But for many of us paying for our home energy is not so easy...

## Get help with your energy bill

If you're claiming benefits such as Pension Credit, Disability Allowance, Income Support, Income-based Job Seekers' Allowance, Income-related Employment and Support Allowance, Universal Credit or Support for Mortgage Interest, you may be able to get help with paying for energy including your electric bill.

Warm Home Discount scheme: The UK government run scheme is available to those receiving benefits or a low income, you can check if you're eligible on **their website**.

Cold Weather payment: These are given to people receiving benefits in England and Wales when there is an extended period of freezing weather. See if you're eligible for support.

Contact your gas or electricity supplier: Find out what support you could receive from your gas and electricity supplier by contacting them directly.

Winter fuel payment: Those born before 23rd September 1958 may be eligible to receive support to pay their heating bill.

You can also contact <a href="Energy Savings Trusts">Energy Savings Trusts</a>, <a href="Citizens Advice Bureau">Citizens Advice Bureau</a> and <a href="National Energy Action">National Energy Action</a> for simple energy advice on how you can save energy, make your home more efficient, and reduce bills. (If you want more tips to help you this winter please visit <a href="https://www.redcross.org.uk/stories/health-and-social-care/health/tips-on-keeping-warm-this-winter">https://www.redcross.org.uk/stories/health-and-social-care/health/tips-on-keeping-warm-this-winter</a>)

#### WorkWell Free Job Service in North West London

### **WorkWell in North West London**

WorkWell is a free service designed to support individuals facing health-related challenges in finding or maintaining employment. The program helps users overcome barriers by connecting them with local services and providing expert guidance.

#### Who Can Use WorkWell?

- · Individuals 16+ years old
- · Residents or GP-registered in Brent, Hammersmith & Fulham, Harrow, Hounslow, Hillingdon, Ealing, Westminster, or Kensington & Chelsea

#### **How It Works:**

- a. Understand your needs and challenges.
- b. Provide Occupational Health, Mental Health, and Employment specialist support.
- c. Identify skills and resources to help you secure meaningful work.
- d. Offer guidance from a dedicated Work and Health Coach throughout the process.



#### How do I get started?

It's easy-just email at workwellwest@shaw-trust.org.uk or fill in the enquiry form on the website shawtrust.org.uk/workwell-north-west-london/

#### **Contact Information:**

📞 0808 196 2386 | 📧 workwellwest@shaw-trust.org.uk | 🕮 WorkWell Website



Please visit **their website** for more.

# Brent Health Matters Health and **Wellbeing Events this December**

Please click here to download the schedule for the many great Health and Wellbeing events happening this month in Brent from the Brent Health Matters team. From community fun days, healthy eating, to support with housing and mental health. There is something for everyone this winter. Here is one example from the schedule below:

Saturday	The Library at Willesden	Health and wellbeing Community Fun Day
13 December	Green	Aim/Focus: Engage with families on health and wellbeing
	95 High Rd,	Target Audience: families from all communities
Time:	London	Health Promotion: diet/nutrition/diabetes, physical
11:00 am-4:00pm	NW10 2SF	activity, stop smoking, women's health, cancer prevention, Immunisation, general health
	Locality: Willesden	advice

## Winter Campaigns: Flu Vaccine and Give Blood



Please visit <a href="https://chalkhillfamilypractice.nhs.uk/flu-vaccine/">https://chalkhillfamilypractice.nhs.uk/flu-vaccine/</a> to find out more and on how to book with us.

Please visit <a href="https://www.nhs.uk/nhs-services/vaccination-and-booking-services/book-flu-vaccination">https://www.nhs.uk/nhs-services/vaccination-and-booking-services/book-flu-vaccination</a>/ if you want to book at your local pharmacy.



## How you can help:

Book a blood donation appointment today through <a href="https://www.blood.co.uk/">https://www.blood.co.uk/</a>, by downloading the NHS Give Blood app or calling 0300 123 23 23.

Over the next 6 weeks (as of 28.11.2025) there are more than 23,000 unfilled blood donation appointments in London, with the capital accounting for just under half (42%) of all unfilled slots across England.

NHS Blood and Transplant data shows that one in every 4 blood donations used by the NHS in England last year went to hospitals in London. That's 921 lifesaving units every day, or one every 90 seconds.

## **Chalkhill Family Practice Surgery News**

- Flu vaccines are now available. Please contact the practice to book your slot. Please visit https://chalkhillfamilypractice.nhs.uk/flu-vaccine/ to find out more about the vaccine.
- We know at busy times it can be frustrating waiting for your call to be answered. If it's not urgent and you have a clinical query, why not try our **automated service**? We will ask you some questions regarding the reason for your call, you can then hang up and your responses will be reviewed and actioned as appropriate. This may result in a quicker response for you. If you would like to use this new service, please press **option 2** when prompted if you are in the queue.
- Since 2024, we have been a Veteran Friendly Practice after receiving Armed forces accreditation. Please go to our website (under the New Patient's tab) to find out what this means for you.
- We are part of the Central PCN Group who support surgery 's with GP access. The PCN have allocated our patients a full time pharmacist, a dedicated pharmacist for our nursing home and housebound patients, dietician, social prescriber, health and well being coach and a physiotherapist.
- Evening and weekend appointments are available via GP access hubs and again this
  is to help patient s with GP access. This service is managed by K&W Healthcare. Sites
  are based at Wembley Centre for Health and Care, Kingsbury Health and Well-being,
  Lonsdale Medical Centre and Willesden Centre for Health and Care.
- eConsultations have all been triaged within 48 working hours of submission. They
  are currently triaged by the Central PCN Pharmacist who will book and signpost patient to the most appropriate service according to clinical priority. This is also managed by the Central PCN team.
- We are having great success with our eConsult Lite as we are aware that not all our patients are able submit eConsultations online. Using eConsult lite a receptionist completes the templates on behalf of the patient and then the request/query is triaged the same as eConsultations.

# All of us at the practice wish everyone a happy and healthy winter season!



Please go to our website @ www.chalkhillfamilypractice.nhs.uk for updates on the health services available during the holiday period.



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