



Broomhill & Lodge Moor SURGERIES

Newsletter Spring 2025

Patient Event at St Columba's Church March 5th

We were delighted to welcome over 300 patients to this, our first Patient Engagement event, co-hosted by Selborne Road Surgery and the Crookes Practice.

The aim of the afternoon was twofold, we wanted our patients to be aware of the opportunities available locally, we know many of our patients are lonely or isolated, we know many are at a loose end since retiring so we invited lots of local organisations to come along and show patients what was available, free of charge on their doorstep we wanted to showcase hobbies and activities, or just give people an opportunity to widen their circle of friends. We also wanted patients to have a pleasant afternoon out doing something a bit different.

We had stalls from Hallam Bowls club, Community Wellness, the Allotment Society, Broomhill Library, Sheffield churches council, Help the Aged, the WI and many more.

We also had a free café where patients were served drinks and cakes by staff from the practices.

The feedback we have had from stall holders and attendees has been very positive and supportive.

We thank all who attended for making it an afternoon to remember, we will be in touch the same time next year for the next event.

ADHD Medication

Over the last few years we have been asked to prescribe ADHD medication for people diagnosed by private companies as part of an agreement called Shared Care. We have been overwhelmed by the demand for this service which is unfunded and un-resourced, it is simply not sustainable for us to continue with this. In addition our GPs are being asked to prescribe a specialist drug they are unfamiliar with which poses a risk to the patient and our Doctors,

For these reason and because of the increasing demand for these medications we have taken the difficult decision to stop agreeing to any new private Shared Care requests, we will continue to honour existing agreements and requests from NHS clinicians where we consider it safe to do so.

Helen Foster—Practice Manager

I joined the Practice almost 5 years ago having previously worked in GP Practices in Derbyshire and Doncaster and in a Healthcare career that goes back to 1995.

My main ambition for Broomhill and Lodge Moor Surgeries is to get us into purpose built, modern, accessible premises so we can offer a wider range of services to our patients and attempt to provide a more proactive, holistic service looking at Social needs as well as medical.

We pride ourselves in being one of the few practices where Patients can still directly book a GP appointment with a Doctor of their own choosing as many practices now ask patients to fill in an online form if they want a GP appointment. With the rise in staff costs and patient demand we might not be able to continue with this approach indefinitely.

If you ever have any suggestions or would like to discuss the operation of the practice or have any ideas please get in touch.



Upcoming Closures

When we are closed call 111 for medical help or 999 for emergencies.

We are closed for training on

- 24th June

Lodge Moor Opening times

Due to rising staff costs we are hoping to close the Lodge Moor reception desk from 5:30pm from Monday to Wednesday. This will not affect the amount of appointments we offer, the phone and online requests will still be available until 6.60pm, if you have any comments please contact

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Private Letter Requests

Our NHS contract requires us to look after people who are ill, people who are at the end of their lives and people with long term conditions.. There are other services we provide for additional payment so that we can employ staff to deliver them.

We do not provide private GP letters, we have around 20 requests each week which we have to decline as we will not be able to do our NHS work if we provide these letters, it would amount to 2 sessions of GP time in which they could see 24 patients.

Please check the practice website to see what we do and do not provide.