

Exciting Announcement

Practice Merger

Bowling Hall Medical Practice and Highfield Medical Practice are delighted to announce that from 1st April 2016 we will be combining to form one larger practice across two sites.

Why are we merging?

The demands and pressures on GP practices are forever increasing and we need to change and adapt to meet these needs. Having two practices working as one will help us achieve this.

Individually we are both successful practices with similar, patient centred approaches to care, and a shared belief in making a continued positive difference to our patients. We feel it is the right moment to seize the opportunity to build and expand on our successes by combining our efforts.

Business as Usual

From 1st April 2016 it will be 'business as usual' for our patients. All our patients from both practices will continue to access our services in exactly the same way as they do now. You will continue to ring the same telephone numbers, see and speak to the same receptionists, GPs and Nursing staff, and attend the same practice that you have always attended. Nothing will change.

Over the coming months we will be identifying areas across both practices that could be improved to benefit our patients. We will provide updates on all of these changes and will let you know when they are to be made. We will be actively working with our practice patient groups to help support these changes to ensure they meet the needs of all our patients

What are the benefits?

1. More choice for our patients

Longer-term we will be able to offer the choice of which site our patients are seen at, either Bowling Hall or Highfield. This will make it easier for you as patients to select an appointment time and location which best suits you.

2. More services for our patients

Both practices offer a range of additional services - including ECG's, contraceptive services, stop smoking clinics and more - which will be offered to all our patients. In addition, Highfield offer specialist diabetes services and Bowling Hall offer a specialist Sexual Health service. Following the merger these will be available to all our patients.

3. More GPs and Nurses available to our patients

Our GP and Nursing teams all have specialist interests and additional skills. Working together will again enable us to offer a wider service to all our patients. Although at present it will be 'business as usual', over time the two practices working closely together will increase the availability of GPs and Nurses across both practice sites.

Further information will be provided over the coming months.

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Thank You

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