



SOHO SQUARE GENERAL PRACTICE

NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME

We wish a Happy and Healthy New Year to all our patients.

We have a good availability of appointments, and remain open for face-to-face, telephone and video consultations. Please contact us if you have any medical concern.

In most instances, you will be offered or can request a face-to-face appointment and for certain conditions we will ask you to attend face to face. If you are unhappy or unable to do this, please let our reception team know when making the appointment.

We request that you continue to wear a mask when attending our Practice to protect yourself and other ill or vulnerable patients who may also be present.

We strongly encourage eligible patients to have their flu vaccine and Covid-19 vaccines. There is no longer any need to space out when you have the vaccines administered.

CQC REPORT

We are pleased to announce that we achieved a GOOD rating in all areas following our inspection in November 2021

You can read the report [here](#).

FLU VACCINATION PROGRAMME

Our flu vaccination programme is continuing and we would encourage all eligible patients who have not yet had their vaccination to contact us to book a vaccination or for further details.

All Patients Over 50, aged 2 and 3, and patients with certain medical conditions are eligible for a vaccination.

If you would like further information regarding the flu vaccine, please [click here](#) to visit the NHS website.



Flu vaccination is important because:

- more people are likely to get flu this winter as fewer people will have built up natural immunity to it during the COVID-19 pandemic
- if you get flu and COVID-19 at the same time, research shows you're more likely to be seriously ill
- getting vaccinated against flu and COVID-19 will provide protection for you and those around you for both these serious illnesses

If you've had COVID-19, it's safe to have the flu vaccine. It will still be effective at helping to prevent flu.

COVID-19 VACCINATION PROGRAMME

The Covid-19 Vaccine has now been offered to all Patients over 12.

Everyone aged 16 or over who had a 2nd dose of the COVID-19 vaccine at least 3 months ago can get a booster dose.

Further information on the vaccination programme can be found [here](#).

OUT OF AREA PATIENTS

We are happy to accept patient registrations from outside our catchment area.

We would ask all patients to be aware of the following considerations:

- We are unable to provide you with home visits and care.
- We are unable to provide you with access to our Out of Hours services.
- To access Out of Hours services please call NHS 111 who will direct you to a local out of hours provider

Our Clinical team will review your registration and your care needs on an ongoing basis. If we feel it is not clinically appropriate or practical for you to be registered with us we will contact you and let you know why.

If you would like to find a GP closer to your home address, please visit <https://www.nhs.uk/service-search/find-a-gp>

OUR SURGERIES

Availability of GPs

Dr Korpikiewicz – Monday and Friday All Day

Dr Thompson – Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday All Day, Thursday morning only

Dr Liu – Monday, Tuesday and Thursday All Day, Wednesday afternoon only



Availability of Nursing Team

Andrew Crawford-Jones – Advanced Nurse Practitioner - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday All Day, and Wednesday morning only

Joanne Riseley – Practice Nurse – Monday, Tuesday and Thursday All Day

Giovanna Nesta – Health Care Assistant – Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings only.

CANTONESE AND MANDARIN SPEAKERS

The reception team provides support to patients who speak Cantonese and Mandarin throughout our opening hours (08.00 – 18:30). Dr Liu offers appointments in Cantonese.

NHS APP

You can find information on the NHS app and download the app by [clicking here](#)

Help using the app is [available here](#)

The app provides a wide range of patient information and advice, including your NHS Covid Pass.

As a Practice we are unable to provide proof of your Covid-19 Vaccine status, if you do not have the app and would like a letter to prove your vaccination service, please call 119 or visit the [NHS website here](#)

PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP (PPG)

All patients are deemed to be members of the PPG and are welcome to attend meetings.

The PPG is planning on holding a meeting over the next few weeks. If you would like to receive details of meetings, and other information, **please let us have your email address** and we will add you to our contact list.

You can also let us know via our dedicated email, if you have anything you would like us to take up with the Practice. sohosquareppg@outlook.com

Please do tell friends and family about the Practice and support the Practice by leaving a review on the sites mentioned below.



HELP US TO HELP YOU

It is important that we have up to date contact details for all of our patients.

Please check that we have your correct telephone number and email address when you next contact us.

A mobile number enables us to contact you by text message and an email address enables us to send you our newsletters and other information.

If your details have recently changed, please contact us with the new details.

SUGGESTIONS AND REVIEWS

We want to hear from you with suggestions as to how we can improve the service to best cater for the needs of the patients and the community.

You can contact us at the following email address: clccg.sohosquaregeneralpractice@nhs.net

You can also contact the PPG on their dedicated email address: sohosquareppg@outlook.com

Or you can complete our Friends and Family Test, which is available on our website or by [clicking here](#)

Our website is available at <https://www.sohosquaregp.co.uk>

You can leave a NHS review for us [here](#) or you can leave a Google review for us [here](#)

AND FINALLY, LOOK AFTER YOURSELVES

We hope you all stay well during the Winter months. Please do contact us for an appointment if you are struggling or have a health issue which is unaddressed.

Please be assured you will not be putting a strain on us or the NHS by contacting us. We are here to provide a service to help with any health concerns that you may have.

We have good capacity within the practice to provide a responsive service which will address your health needs throughout this period.

It has been a difficult period for all, including our colleagues who have worked throughout the Pandemic. If we could kindly ask that you are courteous to us when we are trying to assist, we would be grateful.