

# JUNCTION SURGERY NEWSLETTER

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## FLU SEASON

As many of you will already be aware, flu season is here. The timing of the flu immunisation programme has been pushed back this year for most patients, with vaccinations starting from 3 October as recommended by JCVI.

Many of you will have already been invited to book in for your flu vaccination, either through our surgery, or at a local pharmacy. If you would like to check your eligibility, visit the [NHS page on the flu vaccine](#).

If you would like to book in for a flu vaccination, please call 0161 383 9975 and speak to a member of our reception team or ask at the desk. You can also enquire by using [PATCHS](#).

## COVID VACCINATIONS

We have several COVID vaccination clinics planned for October and will likely be doing a few more in November and December.

You can check your eligibility at the [NHS page for COVID-19 vaccine](#).

If you would like your COVID vaccination, please enquire at the front desk. If you are booked in for another appointment, we may be able to vaccinate you during that appointment.

## RSV VACCINATIONS

The RSV vaccination is a new vaccination to help protect against respiratory syncytial virus (RSV). RSV is a common cause of coughs and colds. Most people get it several times in their life.

Vaccination is recommended for those who are pregnant (from 28 weeks onwards) or aged 75 to 79. Please note that if you have turned 80 after 1 September 2024, you are eligible for vaccination until 31 Aug 2025.

If you would like to be vaccinated, please call 0161 383 9975 and speak to a member of our reception team, or ask at the desk.

You can find out more about the RSV vaccination on the [NHS page for RSV vaccine](#).

## WEBSITE

We have been doing updates to our website, [junctionsurgery.nhs.uk](https://junctionsurgery.nhs.uk), aimed at enhancing your experience and making it easier to access important information.

The site now features a cleaner, more user-friendly layout, allowing you to quickly find what you need. Whether you're looking to book an appointment, check our opening hours, or access health resources, the updated design ensures everything is just a click away.

We've also added new sections to provide you with the latest news, updates, and services available at the surgery. These improvements are part of our ongoing effort to serve you better, both online and in person. Be sure to visit the site and explore the changes!

## BUILDING WORK

Over the past 4-5 weeks, we've been busy renovating our four consulting rooms to provide a more modern and functional space.

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The fireplaces in each room have been removed to create more room and a cleaner, more streamlined look. Fresh coats of paint have brightened the walls.

We've also upgraded the flooring, replacing the carpets with vinyl, ensuring a safer and more professional environment. In addition, all the sinks have been replaced, meeting the latest requirements for cleanliness and infection control.

## PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP

If you would like to get involved with our PPG, please use the [PPG sign up form](#) on our website.

## FEEDBACK

If you don't want to get involved with the PPG but have suggestions for improvement or feedback that you would like to provide, please use our [feedback form](#) on our website.

We are striving to provide the best possible service. We take on board all feedback provided and are continually learning. All feedback is appreciated.