

Field Road Surgery

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Welcome To Field Road Surgery

Practice History

Field Road Surgery is based within Pinfold Health Centre. A purpose-built modern health centre erected in 2004, it offers a pleasant and welcoming atmosphere with easy access for the disabled.

The practice area covers Bloxwich and surrounding areas of Blakehall, Leamore, Beechdale and Little Bloxwich.

The General Practitioners

Dr Naveena Sunkaraneni (Female) MBBS NMRCGP DRCOG DFFP Full Time

Dr Sandeep Sunkaraneni (Male) MBBS NMRCGP DRCOG BSc Pharm (Hons) Full Time

Practice Staff

Practice Manager

Mrs Chaitra Geeranavar oversees the day-to-day administration and smooth running of the practice and will be able to help you with non-medical aspects of the services we provide.

Receptionists

We have four receptionists, usually with two on duty at any one time. They will make your appointments, take requests for home visits, advise you if your test results/hospital reports have arrived and process your repeat prescription requests. They will deal with all your enquiries as efficiently as possible whilst respecting your confidentiality.

Practice Nurses

Elaine Richards Advanced Nurse Practitioner

Toni Unsworth Practice/Screening Nurse

Joyce Cowan Senior Health Care Assistant

Our practice nurses see patients by appointment. They participate in all the screening programmes such as diabetes, asthma, heart disease and COPD. They also play an important part in the regular review of those with hypertension, contraception and can offer advice on numerous health topics. Our health care assistant performs phlebotomy and assists in most practical procedures under the supervision of the senior nurses.

District Nurses

NHS Walsall employs district nurses and health visitors who work from within the medical centre.

Other Services

We also have access to the services of a chiropodist, physiotherapist, community psychiatric nurse and a dentist, all of which are located within the health centre.

Training

At present we are not a training practice.

Surgery Times

The reception is open	8.00 - 8.30am Emergencies only
Monday - Thursday	8.30am - 6.30pm
Friday	8.30am - 1.00pm

Consulting Times

Dr Sandeep Sunkaraneni	Mon - Fri	9.00 - 11.30am
	Mon, Wed, Thurs	4.00 - 6.00pm
Dr Naveena Sunkaraneni	Mon - Fri	9.00 - 11.30am
	Mon & Thurs	3.00 - 5.00pm
	Tues	4.00 - 6.00pm

Extended Hours

Monday evening	6.30 - 8.00pm
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Appointments

Appointments may be made by telephoning 01922 775139/40 or by calling at the surgery. Routine appointments may be made well in advance (maximum two months), which will enable us to offer you an appointment at a time best suitable to your requirements. If you cannot keep an appointment, please let us know well in advance so that the appointment can be offered to someone else. (We allow 10 minutes per consultation.) If you arrive more than 20 minutes late for your appointment, it will not be possible for you to be seen.

Telephone Advice

Your doctor will be happy to give you advice on the telephone when they are not consulting. The receptionists have been asked not to interrupt your doctor if with a patient unless your call is urgent. You may, therefore, be asked to phone back or leave a telephone number for your doctor to contact you when they are free.

Emergencies

If you are confronted by a serious problem such as severe chest pain or severe bleeding call an ambulance (tel: 999) before calling the surgery.

Weekend And Night Cover

In an emergency between the hours of 6.30pm - 8.00am please contact 0300 555 0306. This out-of-hours service is for emergencies that cannot wait until the surgery re-opens.

Clinics

Antenatal Clinic

Wednesday 9.00am - 12.15pm

Patients are seen by the midwife at the clinics by appointment and if necessary by the doctors during surgery hours.

Baby Clinic

The baby clinics are run by both doctors and health visitors for child developmental checks and there is an opportunity to discuss other problems, eg sleeping, feeding and child health worries.

Baby immunisations are done by our practice nurses.

Asthma/COPD Clinic

Asthma/COPD clinics are run by our practice nurse (Elaine Richards and Toni Unsworth) in conjunction with both doctors, by appointment only.

Diabetes Clinics

Diabetes clinics are also run by our practice nurse (Elaine Richards and Toni Unsworth) in conjunction with both doctors, by appointment only.

Family Planning

Contraceptive care is provided by all the doctors during surgery hours.

Minor Surgery

Minor surgery is available at the surgery following consultation with a GP.

Non-NHS Examinations

The doctors are happy to carry out medicals, eg insurance and driving licence, by appointment. Please ask at reception for the charges for these services.

Patients Over 75 Years

If you are aged 75 years or over, you should be seen annually either by your doctor or the practice nurse.

Travel Immunisations/Vaccinations

Please make an appointment to see our nurse practitioner at least eight weeks in advance of your holiday to ensure adequate cover. A charge will be made for certain immunisations and vaccinations which are not covered by the NHS. A list of these charges is held at reception.

Flu Vaccination

An influenza vaccination is particularly recommended for patients over 65 and those with heart, lung or kidney disease, diabetes, pregnancy and residents of nursing and rest homes.

Please contact the reception staff in August/September for details of the vaccination dates and to make an appointment.

Pneumonia Vaccination

A pneumonia vaccination is also recommended for all patients over 65 years old.

Comments And Suggestions

We are happy to accept and consider comments and suggestions from our patients. Please present your views in writing at reception or use our suggestions box.

Disabled Access

There are clearly marked reserved car parking spaces for the disabled. Patient services are provided at ground floor level allowing wheelchair access to all treatment areas. A disabled patients' WC is provided near the front entrance of the waiting room. If necessary a lift is provided to access the first floor.

Complaints Procedure

Our staff aim to provide the best possible service to their patients and their families. We are always interested to hear your opinion on how well you think we are doing. We welcome suggestions and constructive criticism as they help us to improve our service. At times you might not be happy with the service you have received and you may wish to make a formal complaint. In this event, please contact the practice manager on **01922 775119** to make an appointment to see her to discuss your problem. Further information on complaints can be obtained from the surgery. We will be conducting patient satisfaction surveys every year.

Complaining On Behalf Of Someone Else

Please note that we keep strictly to the rules of medical confidentiality. If you are complaining on behalf of someone else, we have to know that you have their permission to do so. A note signed by the person concerned will be needed.

Confidentiality

We ask you for personal information so that you can receive appropriate care and treatment. This information is recorded on computer and we are registered under the Data Protection Act. The practice will ensure that patient confidentiality is maintained at all times by all members of the practice team. However, for the effective functioning of a multi-disciplinary team it is sometimes necessary that medical information about you is shared between members of the team. If you want to discuss anything in confidence with any member of staff there is an interview room for you to use.

Newly Registered Patients

You will be asked to complete a health questionnaire. Everyone over 16 years of age will be given an appointment with the HCA (health care assistant). The nurse will ask about your past medical history and current medication to assist in assessing your health needs. A brief health check will be performed so please bring a specimen of urine with you. In addition you will be asked to provide details of childhood immunisations of children under six years of age (this will ensure that your child is included in the computerised recall system operated within Walsall PCT). Following your appointment with the HCA, you will be given an appointment with the doctor.

Violent/Abusive Patients

The practice is committed to a zero tolerance approach to abusive language, behaviour or actions. This includes potential or actual physical violence and verbal abuse to the doctors, practice staff or other persons present on the premises. In the event of an actual or threatened action of violence, we reserve the right to contact the police or a security company. This could result in you being removed from the practice's list and the incident will be recorded on your medical records.

Practice Charter Standards

These are the local standards set within this practice for the benefit of our patients. It is our job to give you treatment and advice. Following discussion with you, you will receive the most appropriate care, given by suitably qualified people. No care or treatment will be given without your informed consent. In the interest of your health it is important for you to understand all the information given to you. Please ask us questions if you are unsure of anything.

Our Responsibility To You:

We are committed to giving you the highest standards of care at all times and make every effort to achieve this aim. The practice endeavours to treat you with courtesy, whether in the surgery, in your home or on the telephone. You will always be offered the best possible medical and nursing care by suitably qualified people. We constantly monitor our standards and provide a wide range of the supportive services and clinics for your benefit.

Your medical records are confidential and will not be discussed with anyone without your consent.

The practice complies with the Data Protection Act and Access to Medical Record Act.

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Practice Guidelines and Agreement

A. Patient Rights

1. You have the right to dignified and respectful care.
2. You have the right to know about and understand your physical condition.
3. You have the right to obtain any information requested by you to give informed consent before any treatment and/or procedure.
4. You have the right, at your own expense, to consult with another physician or specialist.
5. You have the right to refuse treatment, as permitted by law, and to be informed of the consequences of your refusal.
6. You have the right to be treated in a safe environment that is free of physical and psychological threats.
7. You have the right to privacy regarding visitors, mail, and/or telephone conversations.
8. You have the right to expect that all communications and records regarding your care will be held confidential.
9. You have the right to expect continuity of care and that you will not be discharged or transferred to another facility without prior attempted notice that has been recorded on your electronic medical record.
10. You have the right to know the identity, professional status, and institutional affiliation of anyone treating you.
11. You have the right to be informed of all practice rules and regulations governing your conduct as a patient and to understand the procedure for registering a complaint.
12. You have the right to treatment required by your medical condition regardless of race, creed, sex, or national origin.

B. Patient Responsibilities

1. You are responsible for providing complete information about your health and for reporting the effects of your treatment.
2. You will be responsible for participating in the development of your plan of care.
3. You will be responsible for attending scheduled consultations with health professionals at the practice on time/within 20 minutes of your appointment time and participating in activities prescribed by your treatment plan.
4. You will be responsible for considering the rights of other patients and office personnel during your treatment in this practice.
5. You will be responsible for cancelling appointments with good amount of notice to our reception staff and are aware that repeated non-attendance at pre-booked appointments or short notice cancellations will not be acceptable to the practice. If this occurs you may be asked to leave the practice list.
6. You are responsible for attending when requested for medication reviews if using certain medications regularly that require our clinicians to prescribe them.
7. You will accept that occasionally clinics run behind the scheduled time, which is outside of the GP/practice staff control.

You are responsible for following practice rules and regulations. They are a part of the guidelines, which follow.

Guidelines

We care for patients with general practice level of complaints in a community practice. Whilst we will see patients with urgent medical complaints, it is not appropriate for us to see certain medical complaints which the doctors may deem emergencies and you may be asked in these situations to provide medical information on the phone to allow triage, and possibly to call 999 for an ambulance if appropriate.

Visit Times

All our staff wish to help our patients. We need your help in this effort. The first part of this includes having the right amount of time to listen, understand and to form treatment / investigation plans. While most visits of a follow-up nature can be accomplished in 10 minutes, there are times when new symptoms need to be addressed, more questions need to be answered, and more time spent. We are happy to do this, but need your help in scheduling this. If you know you have questions or a new complaint that will take more time to cover, please let the reception staff know so that we can schedule the right amount of time for the visit. We may not be able to allow multiple double appointments so we ask that you attend each consultation for a single (or maximum double issues) and schedule alternative appointments for other problems. Neither the patient nor the health professional wish to feel rushed.

Your Treatment

You have the right to be heard and investigated as to the nature of your symptoms and their effects on you. The practice staff will do their best to help you in these matters. You must do your best to comply with the directed therapy. Our clinical staff reserve the right to use their clinical judgement in investigating and managing your condition and will aim to do this to the best of their ability but will expect your co-operation.

Your Advocate

Your doctors are your advocates for the achievement of control in management of your physical and mental health. We will help you, but there are times when you will need to help yourself, especially if that requires lifestyle changes, compliance with medical / pharmacologic regimens, or simply following directions. Sometimes, you may need others to help you get the care you deserve and this may include co-operating with other allied health professionals outside of the practice but which may be based locally e.g. district nurses, podiatry, physiotherapy etc.

Respect

You have the right to compassionate care provided to you with respect for your privacy and maintenance of medical confidentiality. Respect and consideration are two-way streets. We must ask that you treat the staff with the respect as well. We cannot tolerate misbehaviour, crude language or threatening actions to staff who are trying to carry out their jobs. If these situations arise, we will attempt to contact you to attempt to find out about why a problem has arisen – but if no resolution can be found or if the relationship has broken down with the patient, we will have no choice but to request that you leave the practice list.

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New Symptoms

If new, unusual or threatening symptoms appear that cannot wait until the next business day for evaluation, patients should go to the A&E or an urgent care facility (Walsall Out of Hours Service) for evaluation.

Forms

Please let staff and GPs know up front if forms need to be completed. The GPs are happy to complete disability forms and return to work forms, but be advised that these forms are best completed together. So, this takes time for us to complete these and time needs to be scheduled. So, allow staff to schedule the right amount of time for the visit. Please note that duplicate medical certificate forms as replacement for lost ones will be charged for. Forms such as passport attestation, private sickness forms and insurance forms, which all fall out of NHS services domain will also incur a charge and we shall try to communicate this to you before undertaking any of this work.

Prescriptions

We offer a repeat prescription service, whereby you may bring in or arrange to have your medication request slips into the practice or post/fax your requests into us. Please note – we DO NOT offer a repeat prescription over the telephone unless you are noted to be housebound on your medical record. We aim to have your prescription ready 48 hrs after we receive this. Please note that our staff are always very busy and there may be times when we can not meet this target due to staff sickness or unexpected high acute workload. If this is the case – we ask that you communicate with our reception staff so that we can try to get urgently required medication to you on an individual basis, and not blame the reception staff if your prescription is not ready.

It is the patient's responsibility to check the stock of their medication and ensure that they do not exhaust their supply and request a repeat prescription at the 'last minute'.

Furthermore, please ensure that you attend your scheduled medication reviews regularly especially if you are taking multiple repeat medications. If there are outstanding reviews – the practice is within rights to with-hold non-essential medication until the patient is contacted and agrees to attend for a review with the clinician. Refusal to attend the clinician for medication or other medical reviews indicates that it may not be safe to treat your medical conditions and we may need to discuss this with you personally.

Home Visits

The doctors and our advanced nurse practitioner do carry out home visits for selected triaged patients. We ask you to call in before 11.30am to arrange this so that we can assess the need for a visit. Later calls will make it very difficult to arrange visits for the same day.

Please note that the General Practice is not an emergency service as such – it should not be a regular occurrence that a visit is requested the same day. If an urgent response is requested – you will be called asked to either call an ambulance if 'red flag' symptoms are relayed to our reception staff. Alternatively, a clinician may call you back to assess the situation and advise you appropriately.

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We do not usually see children or young adults for home visits – we would ask you to bring them or come in to the clinic for assessment. There are very good reasons for this in terms of leaving open visit slots for the frail and elderly who require home visits and who are more vulnerable, and also because we can often assess patients better with more facilities and help around at the clinic rather than at home, thus leading to a better service to yourself.

Locums

At times when our nurses or doctors are sick or are on annual leave - it may be necessary for you to see a Locum doctor rather than your regular GP. You will be informed of this situation when you call to book your appointment.

Freedom Of Information

The Freedom of Information Act 2000 obliges the practice to produce a Publication Scheme. A Publication Scheme is a guide to the 'classes' of information the practice intends to routinely make available. This scheme is available from reception.

Summary Care Record – your emergency care summary

The NHS in England is introducing the Summary Care Record, which will be used in emergency care.

The record will contain information about any medicines you are taking, allergies you suffer from and any bad reactions to medicines you have had to ensure those caring for you have enough information to treat you safely.

Your Summary Care Record will be available to authorised healthcare staff providing your care anywhere in England, but they will ask your permission before they look at it. This means that if you have an accident or become ill, the doctors treating you will have immediate access to important information about your health.

Your GP practice is supporting Summary Care Records and as a patient you have a choice:

- Yes I would like a Summary Care Record – you do not need to do anything and a Summary Care Record will be created for you.
- No I do not want a Summary Care Record – complete an opt out form and hand it to a member of the GP practice staff.

For more information, visit the website www.nhscaarecords.nhs.uk, telephone the dedicated NHS Summary Care Record Information Line on 0300 123 3020 or talk to your GP practice staff.

Additional copies of the opt out form can be collected from the GP practice, printed from the website www.nhscaarecords.nhs.uk or requested from the dedicated NHS Summary Care Record Information Line on 0300 123 3020.

You can choose not to have a Summary Care Record and you can change your mind at any time by informing your GP practice.

If you do nothing we will assume that you are happy with these changes and create a Summary Care Record for you. Children under 16 will automatically have a Summary Care Record created for them unless their parent or guardian chooses to opt them out. If you are the parent or guardian of a child under 16 and feel that they are old enough to understand, then you should make this information available to them.

Self Treatment Of Common Illnesses

Back Pain

Back pain causes 13 million lost working days in Britain each year. Usually too much or inappropriate lifting or gardening is the cause. Be sensible, take things easy, prevention is better than cure. Rest and painkillers will relieve most cases within a few days. Your doctor will not mind if you approach a qualified physiotherapist, chiropractor or osteopath directly.

Burns And Scalds

Apply large quantities of cold water to the burn as soon as possible and maintain this for several minutes. A loose dressing is suitable for unbroken or mildly blistered skin. Larger burns and burns in children should be seen by a nurse or doctor.

Coughs, Colds And Sore Throats

No magic cure has been found for these common ailments. Viruses cannot be treated with antibiotics. Aspirin or paracetamol, soothing drinks and other remedies help relieve the symptoms until they pass naturally in a few days or so.

Diarrhoea And Vomiting

Again normally caused by viruses. Even holiday diarrhoea can be treated with small amounts of clear fluids, not milk, taken frequently to rest the stomach and prevent dehydration. In children, mixtures of glucose and salts (Rehidrat/ Dioralyte) can be used. If the patient appears very ill, or in babies who can become dehydrated more quickly, consult the doctor if symptoms persist.

Earache

Usually earache accompanies coughs and colds. Paracetamol will relieve the pain. If symptoms persist, and with children, consult the doctor at the next surgery session.

Head Lice

Very common in children, head lice prefer clean hair and are not a sign of poor hygiene. Lotions are available from the chemist for all the family.

Threadworms

All children will get these at some stage. An itching bottom, especially at night, is the most common complaint. Threadworms resemble small pieces of white cotton. Your chemist can advise you about treatment, again for all of the family.

Head Injuries/Concussion

Most bumps on the head cause no damage. A slight headache can be helped with paracetamol. If the patient is knocked out for more than a few seconds, consult your doctor. He may advise that the patient is taken to hospital if a more serious injury is suspected even though the patient can at first appear well.

Spots

Most childhood spotty illnesses are minor and often cause little upset. Measles is more serious, but is rare now that all children are immunised. Your doctor will not mind you attending the surgery with a spotty child to confirm diagnosis. All of these illnesses are contagious before the spots appear.

Insect Bites/Stings

Antihistamine tablets from the chemist relieve itches as can calamine lotion. Antihistamine creams are not recommended.

Nosebleeds

Pinch the nose between thumb and forefinger gently for five to ten minutes below the nasal bone. Persistent bleeding or a clot of blood down the throat may need further medical intervention. If heavy bleeding continues for more than 20 minutes you should go to A & E.

Sprains

R.I.C.E. - Rest, ice, compression, elevation. A cold compress with ice (a bag of frozen peas) applied over the strain for 30 minutes reduces and prevents swelling. A crepe bandage can be used and elevation continued until all swelling subsides. Gradual resumption of movements and exercise over a few days is recommended.

Sunburn

Treat as other burns. Calamine lotion and paracetamol will help. Avoidance, especially in children is most important. High factor sunblock and hats etc are advisable in all but the mildest of exposure to the harmful effects of the sun.

Useful Telephone Numbers

Hospitals

Walsall Manor Hospital	(01922) 721172
Goscote Hospital	(01922) 710710
Sandwell Hospital	(0121) 553 1831
Queen Elizabeth	(0121) 472 1311
New Cross Hospital	(01902) 307999

Health Service Authorities

NHS Walsall	(01922) 720255
PALS (Patient Advice and Liaison Services)	(01922) 656463
NHS Direct	0845 4647

Pharmacies

Rowlands Chemist	(01922) 477784
.....	(01922) 476426
Lloyds Chemist	(01922) 479825

Others

Relate	(01922) 626004
Alcoholics Anonymous	(01384) 482929
Lantern House	(01922) 858463
Registrar of Births and Deaths	(01922) 652268
Samaritans	(01922) 624000
Out of Hours Service	0300 555 0306

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Practice Area Map

