

BARNT GREEN SURGERY Summer 2023

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The practice is delighted to announce that Dr Ross McDermott will be joining the practice as a partner from 30th March following a period of time working with us as a salaried GP.

Dr McDermott is an experienced GP who has worked for a number of years across the Midlands. He supports the practice ethos of providing high quality care for its patient population.

We are confident that he will be a valuable addition to the partnership, and we hope you join with us in supporting Dr McDermott in his new role.

The practice also has the pleasure of announcing two other new members of the team that will support you in your medical care.

Asha Williets has joined our team as a Physician Associate (PA). As a PA, Asha is a new healthcare professional, medically trained to work alongside our doctors under their supervision and will join Alarna, our present PA who has been with us for the past year. Asha has recently passed her exams following the completion of an extensive 2 year post graduate course. PA's see patients who contact the practice for on the day care, taking their history and examining them to formulate diagnoses and management plans. They are also trained to interpret test results and can perform certain diagnostic and therapeutic procedures. Any necessary prescriptions and further imaging requests will then be issued by a supervising doctor immediately after the consultation.

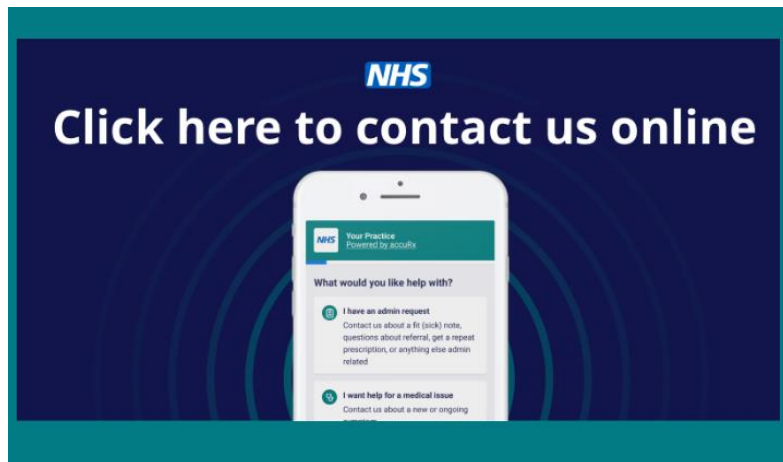
Leah Yendell has joined our team as a Pharmacy Technician to support Satwinder, our clinical pharmacist and the wider team. Her role can be varied but initially will involve reviewing and recording the medication patients should be taking, administering medicines, managing medication detailed on hospital discharge summaries and counselling patients to support their understanding on how to use their medicines safely.

We hope you will join with us in welcoming them to the team.

The role of the [First Contact Practitioner](#) is to assess patients with a soft tissue, muscle or joint pain. These physiotherapists have expertise in the assessment of musculoskeletal (MSK) conditions.

If you are suffering from soft tissue, muscle, or joint pain you can contact this service direct rather than having to come through the practice and speak to a clinician. Our local First Contact Physio Service is run by [Catherine Adams Physio](#) who can be contacted on 07436 797891

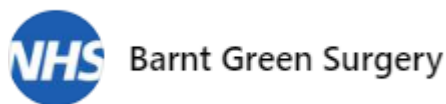
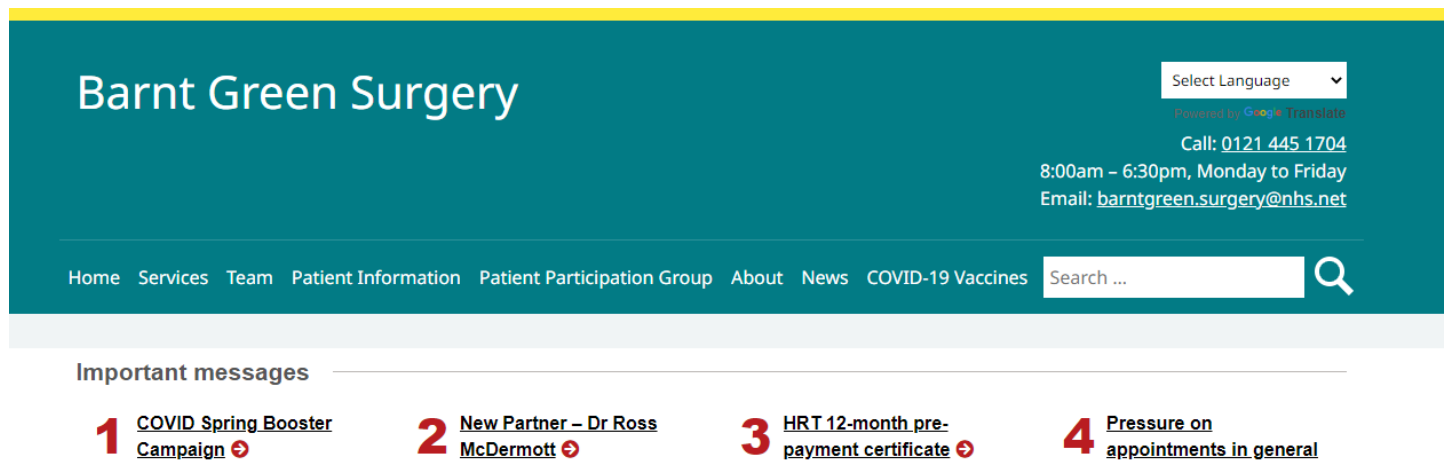
For all non-urgent and admin requests including FIT/SICK notes please use the online form that can be found on our website on our website (contact us online). This will help keep the phone lines free for those needing to contact regarding more urgent matters.



Our sincere thanks go to the Patient Participation Group (PPG) for their support of our COVID vaccine clinics for the Spring Booster Campaign

More information about the PPG can be found on our website or by emailing barntgreen.ppg@nhs.net

The practice website is full of information to help you navigate the services that we offer along with lots of information that can help you manage your health. Please go to <https://barntgreen.gpsurgery.net/> to learn more.



On Facebook then check out the practice page where you will find lots of health information

From 1st April the Government has introduced a 12-month pre-payment certificate for patients who are prescribed HRT. This will allow them access to a year's worth of their menopause medication for the cost of 2 single repeat prescription charges.

More information can be found by visiting.

<https://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/help-nhs-prescription-costs/nhs-hormone-replacement-therapy-prescription-prepayment-certificate-hrt-ppc/medicines-covered-hrt-ppc>