Dingle Park Practice

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Centre Opening Times
08.30 – 18.30

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General consultation times. By Appointment only (except in emergencies)
Please arrive 5 minutes before your appointment time

Dingle Park Practice is a Training practice so we also have registrars with us. Registrars are fully qualified doctors who wish to work as GPs, and undertake part of their specialist training at the practice.

We are also a teaching practice so from time to time we may ask you if our students can observe your consultation.
**GP Appointments**

We are a busy practice trying to provide appointments within 1 working day making it easier for you to see a doctor quickly. You can phone anytime from 8.00am to book an appointment for on the day or the next working day. It is also possible to book appointments online (please see the practice website).

There are appointments available to book further in advance for those who would find this more helpful.

If you are unable to make your appointment, please telephone us to cancel it so we can offer it to another patient who may need it.

**Out of Hours Medical Assistance**

If you require medical assistance outside of surgery hours, you can call our main practice number and you will be connected to our Out of Hours Provider, Urgent Care 24.

**Repeat Prescriptions**

To order repeat prescriptions please fill in the tick box on the right hand side of your prescription and place in the box on reception.

For housebound patients only repeat prescriptions can be taken over the phone. Please call between 1 – 2pm when the lines are less likely to be busy.

You can also order your repeat prescriptions online (see the practice website at the back of this leaflet).

Repeat prescriptions are available after 4pm the following working day.

**Test Results**

For your test results please telephone the surgery on 0151 295 9228 between 1 – 2pm.

On average please allow 2 working days for your test results to come back from the hospital unless your doctor has advised otherwise. Please note that X-ray results take a little longer, usually 7 days. Sometimes, it may not be possible to give full results over the phone. Reception staff are not medically qualified so if the result is complicated, or if the doctor wants to see you about the result, we will offer you an appointment.

We will only give results to the person who has had the test.

**Home Visits**

Our doctors typically see four patients at the practice in the time it takes to do a single home visit. For this reason, we ask our patients to come to the practice if at all possible. However, we can visit you at home if your condition means you cannot attend. Please ring the main switchboard as early as possible (preferably during the morning) to arrange a visit. Please be prepared to tell the receptionist about your condition so we can visit the most urgent cases first. The doctor may wish to speak with you to see if it would be better for you to come to the surgery to be seen immediately.
Nursing Team
The practice has a team of 4 nurses who are responsible for chronic disease care, which includes diabetes, heart disease, stroke, hypertension, COPD, asthma and rheumatology. This includes care for housebound patients. They are also available for travel vaccinations and advice, cervical smears and women’s health issues, including contraception, and general healthy lifestyle checks and advice.

Reception
Our receptionists are usually the first point of contact and are here to help you. They have a lot of information to hand and in most cases will be able to help with your enquiry, ensuring you see the most appropriate clinician. Nonetheless, it is your right to request to talk only to the doctor. Anything that is discussed with the receptionists or any other member of the team is treated in strict confidence. You have a right to be treated courteously, and our receptionists also have a right to be treated courteously by you. We can offer privacy in a separate room if your enquiry is sensitive. Please respect the privacy of other patients by standing well back from the reception desk until your turn.

Extra Clinics
The health centre holds the following clinics:
- Ante-natal
- Anticoagulant (Warfarin)
- Treatment Room
- Baby Clinic
- Drug Dependency
- Smoking cessation
- Weight monitoring
- Counselling services
- Phlebotomy (bloods)

Please ask at reception for days and times of the above Clinics and they will be happy to make an appointment

Health Visitors
Health Visitors specialise in the health and development of babies and pre-school children.
Phone 0151 295 9248 to make an appointment.

How to Register
To register please attend at our reception to complete our registration documents. You will need to bring with you some form of ID with your address on, such as a utility bill or driving licence.
Disabled Access

The building is designed to give easy access for wheelchairs. We have parking spaces marked for disabled drivers, user friendly toilet facilities and automatic doors.

Patient Participation Group

If you would like to join our Patient Participation Group, please ask at our reception or send an email to us at g.n82033@nhs.net. Please do not send patient related queries or requests via email as we cannot guarantee the security of your information.

Comments & Concerns

If you have any comments or suggestions please pass them on to a receptionist. If you have any complaints ask to see the practice manager. We endeavour to deal with all complaints swiftly, usually between 10 working days.

Patients Rights & Responsibilities

All our patients are entitled to be offered a health check, receive emergency care at any time, receive appropriate drugs and medicines, be referred to a specialist if appropriate and be able to choose whether or not to take part in medical research or students training.

You can request to see a specific GP, although we will always try our best, this may not always be possible.

Our patients are expected to try to use our services within the resources available, cancel pre booked appointments, maintain good relations with the practice and not be violent or display abusive behaviour.

In the rare instance when patients are removed from our list for aggressive or violent behaviour against us or our premises, we shall share details of the patient and the violent act with other health and welfare agencies insofar as it is necessary to protect other health and welfare agency staff.

Protecting Privacy

The health information you share with us is kept in your medical record. Sometimes we have to share this information with others. If you would like further information about how your personal information is shared and protected please ask at reception for a Protecting Privacy booklet.

Useful Websites

http://www.pals.nhs.uk (NHS patient advice and liaison service)