



SMART TRIAGE- October

Derwent Valley Medical Practice is pleased to announce that we have an exciting new clinical triage system due to go live towards the end of October.

Some patients may have received a text message asking them to ensure their email address is up to date on our system for that very reason.

More information will be released over the coming weeks via our practice website and Facebook platform, to inform patients of the go live date, how the system will work, and how that will benefit them. The aim is to reduce call queues at 8am and put the patient firmly in control of their health journey.

Watch this space!

Employee of the Month

Congratulations to our receptionist **Kate** for being voted Employee of the Month. Kate goes above and beyond with her support for both colleagues and patients alike. Kate is calm and professional even in challenging situations and is dedicated to her job and team. Well done Kate!



Autumn Flu & Covid Boosters – October 2025

All eligible patients will have now received an invite for their Autumn Covid 19 and/or Flu boosters either by text or letter. The criteria is as follows:

Covid 19 Booster - **ADULTS 75 & over**, **Care Home** residents, individuals over 6 months old who are **immunosuppressed**. There should be at least 6 months between doses. This is a change from last year as **65-74 no longer eligible**.

Flu Booster - **ADULTS 65 & over**, **ADULTS 18-64** with certain **health conditions**, **Care Home** residents, **Carers** of the elderly or disabled, **frontline health and social care workers**, **Pregnant** women, **CHILDREN aged 2 or 3** on August 31st, 2025 & **Primary School Children**.

We have clinic dates across both surgeries starting on Friday 3rd October at St Mark's Road, and ending on Saturday 25th October at Spondon. Please contact reception if you are struggling to book via the link.



Prescription Ordering

MOL by phone 0115 855 0260

Email ddicb.southmolonlinerequests@nhs.net

Online www.derbyshiremol.nhs.uk

NHS App (download via your smartphone)

Sytemonline (register for this at Reception)

DVMP Team News

Welcome to Asleigh who joins the reception team, working across both sites. Please say hello and make her feel welcome

NHS Derby & Derbyshire ICB - Contraception



Great News for Working Women!! – Contraception available without a GP appointment!

A new service making access to contraception easier than ever has had a successful 1st year in Derby. Between April 2024 & March 2025, over 6300 oral contraceptive consultations took place within a pharmacy setting saving over 1000 GP hours. Individuals can now start a **new contraceptive** or **continue their supply** via a confidential consultation with a trained pharmacist cutting out the need to contact the GP surgery. Sadly, this amazing service has not had the advertising it deserves and is still underused.

The link below will search the pharmacy closest to the patient's postcode that offers this service, with most allowing an advance booking on a date or time that best suits the patient, including some Saturdays.

<https://www.nhs.uk/nhs-services/pharmacies/find-a-pharmacy-offering-contraceptive-pill-without-prescription/>

This service is available for both the combined & progestogen-only pill. Pill checks (annual review) can also be carried out by the pharmacist.

Information will only be shared with the GP with consent.

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