

# PATIENT NEWSLETTER

## Whooping Cough Vaccination

Whooping Cough (Pertussis) rates have risen recently. Whooping cough can be serious for babies and may lead to hospitalisation and even death.

Pregnant women can help protect their babies by getting vaccinated.

You should usually have the whooping cough vaccine around the time of your mid-pregnancy scan (usually at 20 weeks pregnant), but you can have it from 16 weeks.

To help give the best protection to your baby, you should have the vaccine before 32 weeks. If you miss out, you can still have the vaccine later.



## Winter Vaccinations

Flu and COVID-19 Vaccinations are available at the practice this winter. Contact the practice to book now!

Protection from previous flu and COVID-19 vaccines fades, and the viruses change over time. Make sure you're ready for winter by getting vaccinated, even if you've had flu or COVID-19 or have been vaccinated before.

[#GetWinterStrong](#)

## Appointments

Unfortunately in September, 478 appointments were not attended.

If you are unable to attend an appointment please contact the practice to cancel so that we can offer this appointment to someone else and reduce wasted time.



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