# Practice Charter - Patient Leaflet

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Introduction

NHS guidance in the Standard Contracts require all GMS and PMS Practices to produce a practice leaflet. These Regulations also set out the core information that each leaflet must contain.

16.7. Practice leaflet

16.7.1. The Contractor shall-
   (a) compile a practice leaflet which shall include the information specified in Schedule 3;
   (b) review its practice leaflet at least once in every period of 12 months and make any amendments necessary to maintain its accuracy; and
   (c) make available a copy of the leaflet, and any subsequent updates, to its patients and prospective patients.

16.7.2. Where the Contractor has a website, the Contractor shall publish on that website details of the practice area specified in clause 13.2.1 including the area known as the outer boundary area specified in clause 13.3.1 by reference to a sketch diagram, plan or postcode.

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GP RETENTION SCHEME

Dr R Smye and Dr Wingate
Patient’s Rights to General Medical Services

- To be offered a health check on joining a doctor’s list for the first time.
- To have appropriate drugs and medicine prescribed.
- To be referred to a Consultant acceptable to them when they and their GP thinks it is necessary.
- To have access to their health records, subject to any limitations of the law, and to know that those working for the NHS are under a legal duty to keep those records confidential.
- To choose whether to take part in research or medical student training.
- To obtain a copy of their doctor’s practice leaflet, setting out the services that he or she provides.
- To receive a full and prompt reply to any complaints they make about the care they receive at the Claughton Medical Centre.

Our Practice Charter

- You will be treated with courtesy and respect by all Practice personnel.
- An urgent appointment with a Doctor or Nurse Practitioner will be available on the same day.
- A non-urgent appointment with a doctor will be offered within 48 hours.
- Our standard is to see 80% of patients within 20 minutes of their appointment time. If you have waited longer than this please tell the Receptionist.
- We aim to answer the telephone within three rings.
- An appointment with a Practice Nurse will be available within three working days.
- Requests for repeat prescriptions will be dealt with within 48 hours. You can email us, or leave the request in the box in Reception.
- All comments and suggestions about the service are welcome. Please use the box provided in the waiting area.
- If you have a complaint please speak to any member of staff. Your complaint will be dealt with in a professional and efficient manner.
- We wish to make the Surgeries as accessible as possible. If you have hearing, visual or physical difficulties please let the receptionist know so that we can enable you to fully use our services.

Patient’s Responsibilities

- If you are unable to attend for an appointment please let us know so that we can offer it to someone else.
- If you are late for your appointment you may be asked to rebook at another time. Try to let us know in advance if you are going to be unavoidably delayed, so that we can make alternative arrangements to help you.
- A home visit should only be requested for those who are unable to come to the surgery because of serious illness or infirmity. Please ring the surgery before 10:00am if at all possible.
- An urgent appointment is for an urgent medical problem. Please speak to the Receptionist if you require a sick note or repeat prescription.
- We would ask you to be patient if the Doctor is running late. This is often due to unforeseeable emergencies but please ask the Receptionist.
- Make a separate appointment for each patient that needs to be seen. This allows the Doctor enough time to treat each patient with the time that they deserve.
- Please act in a responsible and courteous manner whilst on the Practice premises for the safety and comfort of others.
- Please treat all surgery staff, fellow patients, carers and visitors politely and with respect. Violence or verbal harassment will not be tolerated or accepted, you may be asked to register at another surgery if this behaviour occurs.

Claughton Medical Centre Philosophy:

Our aims are to offer the highest standard of health care and advice to our patients, with the resources available to us.

We have a team approach to patient care and endeavour to monitor the service provided to patients, to ensure that it meets current standards of excellence.

We are dedicated to ensuring that Practice staff and Doctors are trained to the highest level and to provide a stimulating and rewarding environment in which to work.