

NEWSLETTER

May 2026

Practice Updates

Staff Updates

We very sadly said goodbye to Dr Joe Doris, Celine (Practice Nurse) and Emily (GP Assistant).

We also welcomed 2 new Locum GPs, Dr Juan Martinez and Dr Wendy Loukes. We would also like to welcome Siham as a new Medical Secretary.

Building Update

We will soon be rejuvenating our Bee Garden at the Summertown Surgery.

COVID Vaccinations

We recently invited eligible patients for COVID vaccinations and ran Saturday vaccination clinics.

Training

Our clinical staff have been attending the Oliver McGowan Mandatory Training on Learning Disability and Autism. This nationally recognised training is designed to help healthcare professionals provide safe, respectful, and person-centred care for people with a learning disability or autistic people

Health Campaigns

May is Mental Health Awareness month! We would like to remind all our patients to reach out if they need any support. May is also national walking month and getting out in nature can be very beneficial.



Recently a volunteer very kindly rejuvenated our Bee Garden sign at the Summertown Surgery. We are currently looking into purchasing some more bee friendly plants to add to the garden and bike planters with help from the Summertown & St Margaret's Neighbourhood Forum.

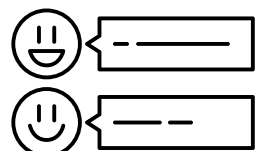


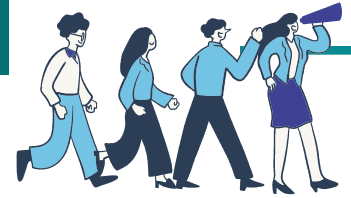
How do I give feedback?

We have recently placed feedback boxes at all our sites for written feedback as requested by our PPG group. This feedback is checked monthly and we had a dedicated noticeboard in our Summertown surgery this month to promote this.

You can also give us feedback on how we can improve via our website. Please follow the links below to find out more:

<https://www.summertownhealthcentre.co.uk/feedback>





Health Campaigns

March - Prostate Cancer Awareness Month

March marked Prostate Cancer Awareness Month, an important opportunity to raise awareness of one of the most common cancers affecting men in the UK. Early detection and open conversations about symptoms and risk factors can make a significant difference to outcomes. As part of this, we advertised the March in March campaign, which encourages people to get active while raising awareness and showing support for those affected by prostate cancer. Prostate Cancer UK are hosting a March for Men event in June, find out more information here <https://marchformen.prostatecanceruk.org/about>

April - Sexual Health Awareness Month

April was Sexual Health Awareness Month, a valuable opportunity to promote open conversations, reduce stigma, and encourage people to look after their sexual health and well-being. During the month, we hosted an education session delivered by the Oxfordshire Sexual Health Service, where they outlined their services and discussed common presentations seen in general practice. We also learned about HIV prevention, including Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP), a medication that can significantly reduce the risk of acquiring HIV when taken. More info here: <https://www.sexualhealthoxfordshire.nhs.uk/>



Protected Learning Time

Wednesday 4th March

Our practice closed briefly for scheduled training on resuscitation and life-support training for clinical staff and chaperone training for all staff.

A further dedicated chaperone session was run for reception and administrative staff to build confidence, ensure correct professional boundaries, and improve patient experience during procedures.

NHS Digital Services

As part of ongoing improvements to NHS digital services, we are making it easier for patients to access care and receive updates through tools such as text messaging and the NHS App. To ensure you don't miss important information, please make sure we have your up-to-date contact details, including your mobile number, email, and address. You can update these via the NHS App or by contacting reception. Keeping your details current helps us provide efficient care.

NHS Segmentation

NHS patient segmentation is a way of grouping patients with similar health needs or circumstances to help practices plan care more effectively. It may appear on a patient's records as a small label or category (for example, related to long-term conditions or support needs), and it does not replace clinical notes or affect access to care. Its purpose is to help the NHS tailor communication, appointments, and support to patients.

Patient Participation Group

Tuesday 3rd March 2026

Our recent PPG meeting was on Tuesday 3rd March at the North Oxford Association (NOA). A group of volunteer patients attended the meeting to discuss improvements that could be made to the practice. The meeting was led by our 2 PPG Co-Chairs Tressa and Vanessa.