



HERNE HILL GROUP PRACTICE

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Extra Polio vaccine dose for children in London

Children aged 1-9 years old in London are being offered a dose of polio vaccine. For some children this may be an extra dose on top of their routine vaccinations. In other children it may bring them up to date with their routine vaccinations.

Why is this happening now?

There are signs the virus may be spreading in London and the number of children vaccinated in London is lower than it should be. Boosting immunity in children should help protect them and reduce the risk of the virus continuing to spread.

Will my child be offered a vaccine? How do I find out more?

If your child is eligible, we will contact you to ask you to book an appointment for the vaccine.

Find out more about the polio booster campaign on GOV.ORG

Information leaflet for parents

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/polio-booster-campaign-resources>

Information leaflet for parents in different languages

<https://www.healthpublications.gov.uk/ArticleOverview.html?sp=Sall&pageTableId=tableview&pagenr=2>

HERNE HILL GROUP PRACTICE ANNOUNCES ITS FIRST PHYSICIAN ASSOCIATE

Hello, my name is Louis Menson Evans and I'm thrilled to introduce myself to you all as the first Physician Associate employed by the Herne Hill Group Practice.

A Physician Associate (PA) is a relatively new medical profession within the NHS, so most will likely not have heard of us before. We work alongside doctors and aid in the assessments, tests, diagnoses and management of patients across the healthcare landscape. While being trained in medicine, we are not doctors, nor in training to become doctors, but a separate profession altogether and in fact we always work under the remote supervision of an experienced doctor (to clarify, this just means we always have assistance available should we need it, rather than someone in the corner of the room looking over us)



Our qualification process involves a minimum of 3 year undergraduate degree, a 2-year post-graduate master's degree and relevant healthcare work experience.

While there is a lot of overlap between the two roles, crucially, PA's cannot (currently) Prescribe medication, although this is due to legislative delays and recent nationwide and global events demanding bureaucratic prioritisation rather than a lack of competence. Further information can be found here: <https://www.fparcp.co.uk/about-fpa/who-are-physician-associates>

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YOUR GP SERVICE IN 2022 AND GOING FORWARD

GET INVOLVED WITH YOUR PRACTICE AND MEET THE CLINICIANS IN PERSON
ON 28TH SEPTEMBER AT CHURCH HALL, HERNE HILL .
SUBMIT YOUR QUESTIONS NOW AT RECEPTION OR VIA EMAIL XXXXXXXXXX



Herne Hill Group Practice - An accredited London Living Wage Employer

With so many people feeling the effects of the cost of living increases, HHGP is pleased to have become an accredited London Living Wage employer (certified by the Living Wage Foundation)

What does this mean?

In April 2016 the government introduced a higher minimum wage rate for staff over 25, calling it the national living wage. However, the amount was not calculated based on what people needed to live.

The Living Wage is independently calculated and is based on what people need to get by.

HHGP joins around 10,000 businesses who agree the staff deserve a wage that meets their everyday needs, particularly considering the higher cost of living in London.

The current London Living Wage is £11.05/ hour, which is £1.15 more per hour than the UK Living Wage.

The Benefits

Becoming an accredited London Living Wage Employer is not only good for the staff, but benefits the practice too, including:

- A visible public commitment to fair pay - we can display the Living Wage Employer Mark
- Annual pay rises are linked to the cost of living
- Increased motivation and retention of staff
- 93% of university students want to work for an accredited employer