## **Care Quality Commission**

## **Inspection Evidence Table**

# Dr Bathla & Partners- Soho Road Primary Care Centre (1-547164056)

Inspection date: 29/04/2022

Date of data download: 14 April 2022

**Overall rating: Good** 

Safe Rating: Good

#### Safety systems and processes

The practice had clear systems, practices and processes to keep people safe and safeguarded from abuse.

Safeguarding	Y/N/Partial
Safeguarding systems, processes and practices were developed, implemented and communicated to staff.	Yes
Partners and staff were trained to appropriate levels for their role.	Yes
There was active and appropriate engagement in local safeguarding processes.	Yes
The Out of Hours service was informed of relevant safeguarding information.	Yes
There were systems to identify vulnerable patients on record.	
Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks were undertaken where required.	Yes
There were regular discussions between the practice and other health and social care professionals such as health visitors, school nurses, community midwives and social workers to support and protect adults and children at risk of significant harm.	Yes

Explanation of any answers and additional evidence:

- The lead GP was the safeguarding lead who oversaw all safeguarding. Staff had all received the appropriate levels of training to understand the action that would need to be taken were patients were at risk of abuse.
- The practice held regular multi-disciplinary (MDT) meetings where safeguarding concerns were discussed and action taken as required.

Recruitment systems	Y/N/Partial
Recruitment checks were carried out in accordance with regulations (including for agency staff and locums).	Yes
Staff vaccination was maintained in line with current Public Health England (PHE) guidance if relevant to role.	Yes

Explanation of any answers and additional evidence: We reviewed three staff files and they had all the required information and checks in place prior to employment as well as annual appraisals and additional support during induction. There was evidence that staff were supported to develop and train in specialist areas as highlighted in their appraisals.

Safety systems and records	Y/N/Partial
Health and safety risk assessments had been carried out and appropriate actions taken.	Yes
Date of last assessment: March 2022	
There was a fire procedure.	Yes
Date of fire risk assessment: October 2021	
Actions from fire risk assessment were identified and completed.	

Explanation of any answers and additional evidence:

- The practice was based in a purpose built building and we saw evidence of the relevant risk assessment to ensure patients were safe while being treated and cared for in the building.
- The appropriate fire alarm tests were taking place on a weekly basis.

#### Infection prevention and control

Appropriate standards of cleanliness and hygiene were met.

	Y/N/Partial
Staff had received effective training on infection prevention and control.	Yes
Infection prevention and control audits were carried out.  Date of last infection prevention and control audit: November 2021	Yes
The practice had acted on any issues identified in infection prevention and control audits.	Yes
The arrangements for managing waste and clinical specimens kept people safe.	Yes
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Explanantion of any answers and additional evidence: There was an infection control lead in place and during COVID-19 monthly infection control audits were implemented as well as an annual audit to ensure changes were implemented correctly.

#### Risks to patients

There were adequate systems to assess, monitor and manage risks to patient safety.

	Y/N/Partial
There was an effective approach to managing staff absences and busy periods.	Yes
There was an effective induction system for temporary staff tailored to their role.	Yes
The practice was equipped to respond to medical emergencies (including suspected sepsis) and staff were suitably trained in emergency procedures.	Yes
Receptionists were aware of actions to take if they encountered a deteriorating or acutely unwell patient and had been given guidance on identifying such patients.	Yes
There were enough staff to provide appointments and prevent staff from working excessive hours	Yes

Explanation of any answers and additional evidence:

- There were appropriate systems in place to ensure there were sufficient clinical and non-clinical staff working to ensure patients were treated safely.
- All staff had received the appropriate level of training to understand what action to take when dealing with patients who were unwell.

#### Information to deliver safe care and treatment

Staff had the information they needed to deliver safe care and treatment.

	Y/N/Partial
Individual care records, including clinical data, were written and managed securely and in line with current guidance and relevant legislation.	Yes
There was a system for processing information relating to new patients including the summarising of new patient notes.	Yes
There were systems for sharing information with staff and other agencies to enable them to deliver safe care and treatment.	Yes
Referrals to specialist services were documented, contained the required information and there was a system to monitor delays in referrals.	Yes
There was a documented approach to the management of test results and this was managed in a timely manner.	Yes
There was appropriate clinical oversight of test results, including when reviewed by non- clinical staff.	Yes

Explanation of any answers and additional evidence:

 We saw that patient information and records were reviewed in a timely way and action taken as required. • There were systems and process in place to ensure all patient information including documents, laboratory test results and cytology reports were reviewed and actioned.

### Appropriate and safe use of medicines

The practice had systems for the appropriate and safe use of medicines, including medicines optimisation

Indicator	Practice	CCG average	England average	England comparison
Number of antibacterial prescription items prescribed per Specific Therapeutic group Age-sex Related Prescribing Unit (STAR PU) (01/01/2021 to 31/12/2021) (NHS Business Service Authority - NHSBSA)	0.64	0.77	0.76	No statistical variation
The number of prescription items for co- amoxiclav, cephalosporins and quinolones as a percentage of the total number of prescription items for selected antibacterial drugs (BNF 5.1 sub-set). (01/01/2021 to 31/12/2021) (NHSBSA)	4.8%	6.4%	9.2%	Variation (positive)
Average daily quantity per item for Nitrofurantoin 50 mg tablets and capsules, Nitrofurantoin 100 mg m/r capsules, Pivmecillinam 200 mg tablets and Trimethoprim 200 mg tablets prescribed for uncomplicated urinary tract infection (01/07/2021 to 31/12/2021)	4.53	5.20	5.28	No statistical variation
Total items prescribed of Pregabalin or Gabapentin per 1,000 patients (01/07/2021 to 31/12/2021) (NHSBSA)	50.0‰	137.8‰	129.2‰	Variation (positive)
Average daily quantity of Hypnotics prescribed per Specific Therapeutic group Age-sex Related Prescribing Unit (STAR PU) (01/01/2021 to 31/12/2021) (NHSBSA)		0.67	0.62	Significant Variation (positive)
Number of unique patients prescribed multiple psychotropics per 1,000 patients (01/07/2021 to 31/12/2021) (NHSBSA)		8.7‰	6.8‰	Tending towards variation (positive)

Note: ‰ means *per 1,000* and it is **not** a percentage.

Medicines management	Y/N/Partial
The practice ensured medicines were stored safely and securely with access restricted to authorised staff.	Yes
Blank prescriptions were kept securely, and their use monitored in line with national guidance.	Yes

Medicines management	Y/N/Partial
Staff had the appropriate authorisations to administer medicines (including Patient Group Directions or Patient Specific Directions).	Yes
The practice could demonstrate the prescribing competence of non-medical prescribers, and there was regular review of their prescribing practice supported by clinical supervision or peer review.	Yes
There was a process for the safe handling of requests for repeat medicines and evidence of structured medicines reviews for patients on repeat medicines.	Yes
The practice had a process and clear audit trail for the management of information about changes to a patient's medicines including changes made by other services.	Yes
There was a process for monitoring patients' health in relation to the use of medicines including high risk medicines (for example, warfarin, methotrexate and lithium) with appropriate monitoring and clinical review prior to prescribing.	Yes
The practice monitored the prescribing of controlled drugs. (For example, investigation of unusual prescribing, quantities, dose, formulations and strength).	Yes
There were arrangements for raising concerns around controlled drugs with the NHS England Area Team Controlled Drugs Accountable Officer.	Yes
If the practice had controlled drugs on the premises there were appropriate systems and written procedures for the safe ordering, receipt, storage, administration, balance checks and disposal of these medicines, which were in line with national guidance.	N/A
The practice had taken steps to ensure appropriate antimicrobial use to optimise patient outcomes and reduce the risk of adverse events and antimicrobial resistance.	Yes
For remote or online prescribing there were effective protocols for verifying patient identity.	Yes
The practice held appropriate emergency medicines, risk assessments were in place to determine the range of medicines held, and a system was in place to monitor stock levels and expiry dates.	Yes
There was medical oxygen and a defibrillator on site and systems to ensure these were regularly checked and fit for use.	Yes
Vaccines were appropriately stored, monitored and transported in line with PHE guidance to ensure they remained safe and effective.	Yes
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Explanation of any answers and additional evidence:

- The practice had appropriate systems in place for the safe prescribing and monitoring of medicines.
   For example, there was clinical oversight for all requests to medicine changes and processes in place to demonstrate what actions had been taken.
- The practice had a pharmist to support the practice with the management of medicines so patients received safe care and treatment.
- Other clinical searches carried out on disease modifying drugs, such as methotrexate and high-risk medicines showed that appropriate monitoring was carried out.
- Emergency medicines on site were in date and had been risk assessed. Vaccines were appropriately stored and there were clear monitoring processes in place.

#### Track record on safety and lessons learned and improvements made

The practice learned and made improvements when things went wrong.

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Yes
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Yes
Yes

Explanation of any answers and additional evidence: There was a system and process in place for actioning and reviewing significant events and this was discussed across both sites to ensure learning was consistent.

Example(s) of significant events recorded and actions by the practice.

Event	Specific action taken
Patient was discharged home by	The on call GP took action to put the medicines in place. The
secondary care with no medicines in	process for reviewing the patients's discharge from secondary
place by the practice.	care was reviewed with staff.

Safety alerts	Y/N/Partial
There was a system for recording and acting on safety alerts.	Yes
Staff understood how to deal with alerts.	Yes
Explanation of any answers and additional evidence: The practice had a system in place for the recording and acting on safety alerts. They were sent to the GP and practice mananger and reviewed by the pharmacist. Safety alerts were then disseminated to the appropriate staff. All safety alerts were discussed, logged and actioned.	

### **Effective**

## **Rating: Good**

QOF requirements were modified by NHS England for 2020/21 to recognise the need to reprioritise aspects of care which were not directly related to COVID-19. This meant that QOF payments were calculated differently. For inspections carried out from 1 October 2021, our reports will not include QOF indicators. In determining judgements in relation to effective care, we have considered other evidence as set out below.

#### Effective needs assessment, care and treatment

Patients' needs were assessed, and care and treatment was delivered in line with current legislation, standards and evidence-based guidance supported by clear pathways and tools.

	Y/N/Partial
The practice had systems and processes to keep clinicians up to date with current evidence-based practice.	Yes
Patients' immediate and ongoing needs were fully assessed. This included their clinical needs and their mental and physical wellbeing.	Yes
Patients presenting with symptoms which could indicate serious illness were followed up in a timely and appropriate way.	Yes
We saw no evidence of discrimination when staff made care and treatment decisions.	Yes
Patients' treatment was regularly reviewed and updated.	Yes
There were appropriate referral pathways to make sure that patients' needs were addressed.	Yes
Patients were told when they needed to seek further help and what to do if their condition deteriorated.	Yes
The practice had prioritised care for their most clinically vulnerable patients during the pandemic	Yes

#### Explanation of any answers and additional evidence:

- Our review of the practice clinical system identified appropriate management of patients care and treatment. We saw evidence that patient records were of a good standard and contained relevant information. For example, safety netting, shared decision making, and an agreed care plan was clearly documented in line with best practice.
- Provider policies and procedures were in place which promoted evidence-based practice. The
  practice had invested in technology to support their clinical system in areas such as medicines
  management, clinical safety, and best practice.

#### Effective care for the practice population

#### **Findings**

- The practice used a clinical tool to identify older patients who were living with moderate or severe frailty. Those identified received a full assessment of their physical, mental and social needs.
- Health checks, including frailty assessments, were offered to patients over 75 years of age.
- Flu, shingles and pneumonia vaccinations were offered to relevant patients in this age group.
- The practice had systems to inform eligible patients to have the meningitis vaccine, for example before attending university for the first time.
- Patients had access to appropriate health assessments and checks including NHS checks for patients aged 40 to 74. There was appropriate and timely follow-up on the outcome of health assessments and checks where abnormalities or risk factors were identified.
- All patients with a learning disability were offered an annual health check.
- End of life care was delivered in a coordinated way which took into account the needs of those whose circumstances may make them vulnerable.
- The practice had a system for vaccinating patients with an underlying medical condition according to the recommended schedule.
- The practice demonstrated that they had a system to identify people who misused substances.
- The practice assessed and monitored the physical health of people with mental illness, severe mental illness, and personality disorder
- Patients with poor mental health, including dementia, were referred to appropriate services.

## Management of people with long term conditions

#### **Findings**

- Patients with long-term conditions were offered a structured annual review to check their health and medicines needs were being met. For patients with the most complex needs, the GP worked with other health and care professionals to deliver a coordinated package of care.
- Staff who were responsible for reviews of patients with long-term conditions had received specific training.
- GPs followed up patients who had received treatment in hospital or through out of hours services for an acute exacerbation of asthma.
- The practice shared clear and accurate information with relevant professionals when deciding care
  delivery for patients with long-term conditions.
- The practice could demonstrate how they identified patients with commonly undiagnosed conditions, for example diabetes, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), atrial fibrillation and hypertension.
- Adults with newly diagnosed cardio-vascular disease were offered statins.
- Patients with suspected hypertension were offered ambulatory blood pressure monitoring.

- Patients with COPD were offered rescue packs.
- Patients with asthma were offered an asthma management plan.

Child Immunisation	Numerator	Denominator	Practice %	Comparison to WHO target of 95%
The percentage of children aged 1 who have completed a primary course of immunisation for Diphtheria, Tetanus, Polio, Pertussis, Haemophilus influenza type b (Hib), Hepatitis B (Hep B) ((i.e. three doses of DTaP/IPV/Hib/HepB) (01/04/2020 to 31/03/2021) (NHS England)	142	159	89.3%	Below 90% minimum
The percentage of children aged 2 who have received their booster immunisation for Pneumococcal infection (i.e. received Pneumococcal booster) (PCV booster) (01/04/2020 to 31/03/2021) (NHS England)	147	173	85.0%	Below 90% minimum
The percentage of children aged 2 who have received their immunisation for Haemophilus influenza type b (Hib) and Meningitis C (MenC) (i.e. received Hib/MenC booster) (01/04/2020 to 31/03/2021) (NHS England)	149	173	86.1%	Below 90% minimum
The percentage of children aged 2 who have received immunisation for measles, mumps and rubella (one dose of MMR) (01/04/2020 to 31/03/2021) (NHS England)	147	173	85.0%	Below 90% minimum
The percentage of children aged 5 who have received immunisation for measles, mumps and rubella (two doses of MMR) (01/04/2020 to 31/03/2021) (NHS England)	140	170	82.4%	Below 90% minimum

Note: Please refer to the CQC guidance on Childhood Immunisation data for more information: https://www.cqc.org.uk/guidance-providers/gps/how-we-monitor-gp-practices

#### Any additional evidence or comments

The practice had not met the minimum 90% for all five childhood immunisation uptake indicators. The practice were reviewing this further and there was a dedicated receptionist to follow up children who did not attend for appointments. There were processes in place for non-attendence. For example, discussions as part of multi-disciplinary (MDT) meetings with the health visitor. The practice also held Saturday clinics for immunisation and vaccinations to increase uptake and engagement.

Cancer Indicators	Practice	CCG average	England average	England comparison
The percentage of persons eligible for cervical cancer screening at a given point in time who were screened adequately within a specified period (within 3.5 years for persons aged 25 to 49, and within 5.5 years for persons aged 50 to 64). (Snapshot date: 30/09/2021) (Public Health England)	55.6%	N/A	80% Target	Below 70% uptake
Females, 50-70, screened for breast cancer in last 36 months (3 year coverage, %) (01/04/2020 to 31/03/2021) (PHE)	65.3%	55.7%	61.3%	N/A
Persons, 60-74, screened for bowel cancer in last 30 months (2.5 year coverage, %) (01/04/2020 to 31/03/2021) (PHE)	48.7%	57.0%	66.8%	N/A
Number of new cancer cases treated (Detection rate: % of which resulted from a two week wait (TWW) referral) (01/04/2020 to 31/03/2021) (PHE)	43.8%	50.3%	55.4%	No statistical variation

#### Any additional evidence or comments

- Practice performance for the uptake of cervical screening was below the 80% national target. The
  practice was aware of difficulties in their patient population and were working through their recall
  processes to engage patients to attend for screening. In addition they were trying to improve uptake
  by running Saturday clinics for cervical screening.
- Unverified data reviewed at the time of our inspection for the uptake of cervical screening in women age 25-49 year was 65% and women age 50-64 years was 82%.

#### **Monitoring care and treatment**

The practice had a comprehensive programme of quality improvement activity and routinely reviewed the effectiveness and appropriateness of the care provided.

	Y/N/Partial
Clinicians took part in national and local quality improvement initiatives.	Yes
The practice had a programme of targeted quality improvement and used information about care and treatment to make improvements.	Yes
The practice regularly reviewed unplanned admissions and readmissions and took appropriate action.	Yes

Examples of improvements demonstrated because of clinical audits or other improvement activity in past two years

An audit was completed for the prescribing of Aspirins and Clopidogrel dual therapy in line with best practice. The audit found that where patients were on dual therapy on a regular basis the practice was compliant with best practice.

An audit was completed for patients on Warfarin in November 2021 in line with best practice guidance to determine whether these patients had developed side effects which are related to the International Normalised Ration (INR) level, which measures the delay in the clotting of the blood. The audit identified the practice was ensuring patients INR level was in the required range. Where patients were not in the required range the practice took appropriate action to ensure patieents were treated in line with NICE guidelines.

#### **Effective staffing**

The practice was able to demonstrate that staff had the skills, knowledge and experience to carry out their roles.

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	Y/N/Partial
Staff had the skills, knowledge and experience to deliver effective care, support and treatment.	Yes
The practice had a programme of learning and development.	Yes
Staff had protected time for learning and development.	Yes
There was an induction programme for new staff.	Yes
Staff had access to regular appraisals, one to ones, coaching and mentoring, clinical supervision and revalidation. They were supported to meet the requirements of professional revalidation.	Yes
The practice could demonstrate how they assured the competence of staff employed in advanced clinical practice, for example, nurses, paramedics, pharmacists and physician associates.	Yes
There was a clear and appropriate approach for supporting and managing staff when their performance was poor or variable.	Yes

Explanation of any answers and additional evidence:

- Staff had completed training identified as mandatory by the provider. This included level three adult and children safeguarding training for clinical staff.
- Staff were having regular appraisals, supervision and training as required.

#### **Coordinating care and treatment**

Staff worked together and with other organisations to deliver effective care and treatment.

Indicator	Y/N/Partial
Care was delivered and reviewed in a coordinated way when different teams, services or organisations were involved.	Yes
Patients received consistent, coordinated, person-centred care when they moved between services.	Yes

#### Helping patients to live healthier lives

Staff were consistent and proactive in helping patients to live healthier lives.

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	Y/N/Partial	
The practice identified patients who may need extra support and directed them to relevant services. This included patients in the last 12 months of their lives, patients at risk of developing a long-term condition and carers.	Yes	
Staff encouraged and supported patients to be involved in monitoring and managing their own health.	Yes	
Patients had access to appropriate health assessments and checks.	Yes	
Staff discussed changes to care or treatment with patients and their carers as necessary.	Yes	
The practice supported national priorities and initiatives to improve the population's health, for example, stop smoking campaigns and tackling obesity.	Yes	
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Explanation of any answers and additional evidence: We found that the practice had regular MDT meetings and these were used to ensure patients received care and treatment to support them in living healthier lives and had access to the appropriate levels of support.

#### **Consent to care and treatment**

The practice always obtained consent to care and treatment in line with legislation and guidance.

	Y/N/Partial
Clinicians understood the requirements of legislation and guidance when considering consent and decision making. We saw that consent was documented.	Yes
Clinicians supported patients to make decisions. Where appropriate, they assessed and recorded a patient's mental capacity to make a decision.	Yes
Do Not Attempt Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (DNACPR) decisions were made in line with relevant legislation and were appropriate.	Yes
Explanation of any answers and additional evidence:	

- We spoke with staff who demonstrated knowledge and understanding about the Mental Capacity Act.
- Clinical searches identified that DNACPR decisions made were appropriately and clearly recorded.

## **Caring**

## **Rating: Good**

#### Kindness, respect and compassion

Staff treated patients with kindness, respect and compassion. Feedback from patients was positive about the way staff treated people.

	Y/N/Partial
Staff understood and respected the personal, cultural, social and religious needs of patients.	Yes
Staff displayed understanding and a non-judgemental attitude towards patients.	Yes
Patients were given appropriate and timely information to cope emotionally with their care, treatment or condition.	Yes

Explanation of any answers and additional evidence: Staff told us they had received chaperone training and understood the needs of the population they served.

Patient feedback	
Source	Feedback
NHS UK	The feedback was mixed with some patients commenting how good the practice was, to difficulties getting appointments.
Compliments	We saw compliments were made and this was shared with the staff.

### **National GP Patient Survey results**

Indicator	Practice	CCG average	England average	England comparison
The percentage of respondents to the GP patient survey who stated that the last time they had a general practice appointment, the healthcare professional was good or very good at listening to them (01/01/2021 to 31/03/2021)	83.8%	86.3%	89.4%	No statistical variation
The percentage of respondents to the GP patient survey who stated that the last time they had a general practice appointment, the healthcare professional was good or very good at treating them with care and concern (01/01/2021 to 31/03/2021)	82.9%	85.0%	88.4%	No statistical variation
The percentage of respondents to the GP patient survey who stated that during their last GP appointment they had confidence and trust in the healthcare professional they saw or spoke to (01/01/2021 to 31/03/2021)	88.6%	93.8%	95.6%	Tending towards variation (negative)
The percentage of respondents to the GP patient survey who responded positively to the overall experience of their GP practice (01/01/2021 to 31/03/2021)	74.8%	76.8%	83.0%	No statistical variation

Question	Y/N
The practice carries out its own patient survey/patient feedback exercises.	Yes

## Any additional evidence

The survey results showed a lot of patients were much more happier with the care and treatment from the practice than they were the previous year (2019).

#### Involvement in decisions about care and treatment

Staff helped patients to be involved in decisions about care.

Yes
Yes

Explanation of any answers and additional evidence: Easy read and pictorial materials were available.

Source	Feedback
NHS UK	There were mixed views. Some patients commented on how polite, helpful and courteous staff were, to difficulties accessing their GP. A number of reviews commented on how worse the practice was due to not being able to see a GP.

#### **National GP Patient Survey results**

Indicator	Practice	CCG average	England average	England comparison
The percentage of respondents to the GP patient survey who stated that during their last GP appointment they were involved as much as they wanted to be in decisions about their care and treatment (01/01/2021 to 31/03/2021)	85.1%	90.3%	92.9%	Tending towards variation (negative)

	Y/N/Partial
Interpretation services were available for patients who did not have English as a first language.	Yes
Patient information leaflets and notices were available in the patient waiting area which told patients how to access support groups and organisations.	Yes
Information leaflets were available in other languages and in easy read format.	Yes
Information about support groups was available on the practice website.	Yes

Explanation of any answers and additional evidence: The practice used translation services in a significant proportion of the appointments to patients. Longer appointments were offered if required and many of the staff spoke several languages which were relevant to the practice population, which helped with the registration of new patients and to support them when necessary.

Carers	Narrative
	The practice had identified 377 patients who were carers which represented approximately 3% of the practice list size
supported carers (including	Carers pack was available and longer appointments if required. All patients registered as a carer were eligible for an annual health check and flu vaccination.
	The practice contacted bereaved patients and family members where appropriate and signposted them to bereavement services and supported them as necessary.

## Privacy and dignity

The practice respected patients' privacy and dignity.

	Y/N/Partial
A private room was available if patients were distressed or wanted to discuss sensitive issues.	Yes
There were arrangements to ensure confidentiality at the reception desk.	Yes

## Responsive

## **Rating: Good**

### Responding to and meeting people's needs

The practice organised and delivered services to meet patients' needs.

	Y/N/Partial
The practice understood the needs of its local population and had developed services in response to those needs.	Yes
The importance of flexibility, informed choice and continuity of care was reflected in the services provided.	Yes
The facilities and premises were appropriate for the services being delivered.	Yes
The practice made reasonable adjustments when patients found it hard to access services.	Yes
There were arrangements in place for people who need translation services.	Yes
The practice complied with the Accessible Information Standard.	Yes

Practice Opening Times			
Day	Time		
Opening times:			
Monday	8.00am – 6.30pm		
Tuesday	8.00am – 6.30pm		
Wednesday	8.00am – 6.30pm		
Thursday	8.00am – 6.30pm		
Friday	8.00am - 6.30pm		
Appointments available:	I		
Monday	8.00am - 6.30pm		
Tuesday	8.00am – 6.30pm		
Wednesday	8.00am – 6.30pm		
Thursday	8.00am – 6.30pm		
Friday	8.00am – 6.30pm		

Additional appointment times in extended hours were available through to 8.00pm at another site which the practice could book into as needed.

#### Further information about how the practice is responding to the needs of their population

- Patients had a named GP who supported them in whatever setting they lived.
- The practice was responsive to the needs of older patients and offered home visits and urgent appointments for those with enhanced needs and complex medical issues.
- In recognition of the religious and cultural observances of some patients, the GP would respond
  quickly, often outside of normal working hours, to provide the necessary death certification to
  enable prompt burial in line with families' wishes when bereavement occurred.
- The practice liaised regularly with the community services to discuss and manage the needs of patients with complex medical issues.
- All parents or guardians calling with concerns about a child were offered a same day appointment when necessary.
- People in vulnerable circumstances were easily able to register with the practice, including those with no fixed abode such as homeless people and Travellers.

#### Access to the service

#### People were able to access care and treatment in a timely way.

The COVID-19 pandemic has affected access to GP practices and presented many challenges. In order to keep both patients and staff safe early in the pandemic practices were asked by NHS England to assess patients remotely (for example by telephone or video consultation) when contacting the practice and to only see patients in the practice when deemed to be clinically appropriate to do so. Following the changes in national guidance during the summer of 2021 there has been a more flexible approach to patients interacting with their practice. During the pandemic there was a significant increase in telephone and online consultations compared to patients being predominantly seen in a face to face setting.

	Y/N/Partial
Patients had timely access to appointments/treatment and action was taken to minimize the length of time people waited for care, treatment or advice	Yes
The practice offered a range of appointment types to suit different needs (e.g. face to face, telephone, online)	Yes
Patients were able to make appointments in a way which met their needs	Yes
There were systems in place to support patients who face communication barriers to access treatment	Yes
Patients with most urgent needs had their care and treatment prioritised	Yes
There was information available for patients to support them to understand how to access services (including on websites and telephone messages)	Yes

#### **National GP Patient Survey results**

Indicator	Practice	CCG average	England average	England comparison
The percentage of respondents to the GP patient survey who responded positively to how easy it was to get through to someone at their GP practice on the phone (01/01/2021 to 31/03/2021)	50.7%	N/A	67.6%	No statistical variation
The percentage of respondents to the GP patient survey who responded positively to the overall experience of making an appointment (01/01/2021 to 31/03/2021)	56.2%	62.7%	70.6%	No statistical variation
The percentage of respondents to the GP patient survey who were very satisfied or fairly satisfied with their GP practice appointment times (01/01/2021 to 31/03/2021)	64.3%	62.2%	67.0%	No statistical variation
The percentage of respondents to the GP patient survey who were satisfied with the appointment (or appointments) they were offered (01/01/2021 to 31/03/2021)	71.1%	76.3%	81.7%	No statistical variation

Source	Feedback
For example, NHS Choices	There was a negative comment about the difficulty access a doctor.

## Listening and learning from concerns and complaints

Complaints were listened and responded to and used to improve the quality of care.

Complaints	
Number of complaints received in the last year.	5
Number of complaints we examined.	5
Number of complaints we examined that were satisfactorily handled in a timely way.	5
Number of complaints referred to the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman.	0

	Y/N/Partial
Information about how to complain was readily available.	Yes
There was evidence that complaints were used to drive continuous improvement.	Yes

The practice held a log of written and verbal complaints made to the practice Verbal complaints were logged to ensure trends were recognised and escalated to formal complaints if the patient or staff felt it would be beneficial to investigate further.

#### Example(s) of learning from complaints.

Complaint	Specific action taken
	The practice reviewed staffing levels and recruited two new members of staff to support the reception team durong busy periods throughout the day.
Complaint about delays in issuing prescriptions.	Staff were given allocated time built into their working day to complete prescription requests.

### Well-led

## **Rating: Good**

#### Leadership capacity and capability

There was compassionate, inclusive and effective leadership at all levels.

	Y/N/Partial
Leaders demonstrated that they understood the challenges to quality and sustainability.	Yes
They had identified the actions necessary to address these challenges.	Yes
Staff reported that leaders were visible and approachable.	Yes
There was a leadership development programme, including a succession plan.	Yes

Explanation of any answers and additional evidence:

- The leadership of the practice were committed to involving all staff to help improve the practice and the quality of treatment and care patients received.
- Staff we spoke with all told us the management of the practice were supportive and that they worked within an open atmosphere.
- The practice manager and lead GP both had a good understanding of the practice population and had an improvement plan they worked to. This was aimed at improving the practice and the treatment patients received.

#### Vision and strategy

The practice had a clear vision and credible strategy to provide high quality sustainable care.

	Y/N/Partial
The vision, values and strategy were developed in collaboration with staff, patients and external partners.	Yes
Staff knew and understood the vision, values and strategy and their role in achieving them.	Yes
Progress against delivery of the strategy was monitored.	Yes

Explanation of any answers and additional evidence:

- The practice worked with the local i3 Primary Care Network (PCN) to improve the treatment patients received.
- The practice worked outside of normal working hours and with other local practices to offer a seven day per week service.

#### Culture

The practice had a culture which drove high quality sustainable care

	Y/N/Partial
There were arrangements to deal with any behaviour inconsistent with the vision and values.	Yes
Staff reported that they felt able to raise concerns without fear of retribution.	Yes
There was a strong emphasis on the safety and well-being of staff.	Yes
There were systems to ensure compliance with the requirements of the duty of candour.	Yes
When people were affected by things that went wrong, they were given an apology and informed of any resulting action.	Yes
The practice encouraged candour, openness and honesty.	Yes
The practice had access to a Freedom to Speak Up Guardian.	Yes
Staff had undertaken equality and diversity training.	Yes
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Explanation of any answers and additional evidence:

- During the inspection we saw the practice's Equality and Diversity policy identifying expectations as to how staff were expected to work along with a number of other linked policies. For example: being open. Culture & religion.
- Staff we spoke with told us they had completed Equality and Diversity training and were awre of their practice population.

Examples of feedback from staff or other evidence about working at the practice

Source	Feedback
Staff Interviews	Staff told us they were happy working at the practice and the management were
	supportive.

#### **Governance arrangements**

There were clear responsibilities, roles and systems of accountability to support good governance and management.

There were governance structures and systems which were regularly reviewed.	Yes
Staff were clear about their roles and responsibilities.	Yes
There were appropriate governance arrangements with third parties.	Yes
Explanation of any answers and additional evidence. The practice had good or	Wernance

Explanation of any answers and additional evidence: The practice had good governance arrangements in place so patients received the care and treatment they expected. We saw the appropriate policies, procedures and process to support the practice governance arrangements.

#### Managing risks, issues and performance

There were clear and effective processes for managing risks, issues and performance.

Y/N/Partial
Yes

Explanation of any answers and additional evidence: We saw that the appropriate systems and processes were in place to ensure risk was managed. For example, health and safety, infection control, training and recruitment.

## The practice had systems in place to continue to deliver services, respond to risk and meet patients' needs during the pandemic

	Y/N/Partial
The practice had adapted how it offered appointments to meet the needs of patients during the pandemic.	Yes
The needs of vulnerable people (including those who might be digitally excluded) had been considered in relation to access.	Yes
There were systems in place to identify and manage patients who needed a face-to-face appointment.	Yes
The practice actively monitored the quality of access and made improvements in response to findings.	Yes
There were recovery plans in place to manage backlogs of activity and delays to treatment.	Yes
Changes had been made to infection control arrangements to protect staff and patients using the service.	Yes
Staff were supported to work remotely where applicable.	Yes

#### Appropriate and accurate information

There was a demonstrated commitment to using data and information proactively to drive and support decision making.

	Y/N/Partial
Staff used data to monitor and improve performance.	Yes
Performance information was used to hold staff and management to account.	Yes
Staff whose responsibilities included making statutory notifications understood what this entailed.	Yes

### **Governance and oversight of remote services**

	Y/N/Partial
The practice used digital services securely and effectively and conformed to relevant digital and information security standards.	Yes
The provider was registered as a data controller with the Information Commissioner's Office.	Yes
Patient records were held in line with guidance and requirements.	Yes
Patients were informed and consent obtained if interactions were recorded.	Yes
The practice ensured patients were informed how their records were stored and managed.	Yes
Patients were made aware of the information sharing protocol before online services were delivered.	Yes
The practice had arrangements to make staff and patients aware of privacy settings on video and voice call services.	Yes
Online consultations took place in appropriate environments to ensure confidentiality.	Yes
The practice advised patients on how to protect their online information.	Yes
Explanation of any answers and additional evidence: We saw evidence of the patient survey results carried out in 2021 identifying how the practice was meeting patients needs and areas for improvement.	

### Engagement with patients, the public, staff and external partners

The practice involved the public, staff and external partners to sustain high quality and sustainable care.

Patient views were acted on to improve services and culture.	Yes
The practice had an active Patient Participation Group.	Yes
Staff views were reflected in the planning and delivery of services.	Yes

The practice worked with stakeholders to build a shared view of challenges and of the needs of the population.	Yes	
Explanation of any answers and additional evidence: The practice had a patient participation group (PPG) and were working with them to review patient survey results to improve outcomes in relation		
to satisfaction.		

#### **Continuous improvement and innovation**

There were evidence of systems and processes for learning, continuous improvement and innovation.

	Y/N/Partial
There was a strong focus on continuous learning and improvement.	Yes
Learning was shared effectively and used to make improvements.	Yes

#### **Examples of continuous learning and improvement**

- During the pandemic the practice made a number of improvements to how they would meet patients needs. For example, they put in place home visits so patients who were housebound could get their Covid Vaccinations.
- Remote working was in place to allow continuity of care. For example, the senior GPs, and specialist nurses undertook remote working during COVID-19.
- The practice were developing an IRIS (System used to store patient information) practice.
- Access to appointments were regularly kept under review. For example, monitoring of incoming call, appointment slots and patient booking to maximise patient access and reduce call waiting times.

#### Notes: CQC GP Insight

GP Insight assesses a practice's data against all the other practices in England. We assess relative performance for the majority of indicators using a "z-score" (this tells us the number of standard deviations from the mean the data point is), giving us a statistical measurement of a practice's performance in relation to the England average. We highlight practices which significantly vary from the England average (in either a positive or negative direction). We consider that z-scores which are higher than +2 or lower than -2 are at significant levels, warranting further enquiry. Using this technique we can be 95% confident that the practices performance is genuinely different from the average. It is important to note that a number of factors can affect the Z score for a practice, for example a small denominator or the distribution of the data. This means that there will be cases where a practice's data looks quite different to the average, but still shows as no statistical variation, as we do not have enough confidence that the difference is genuine. There may also be cases where a practice's data looks similar across two indicators, but they are in different variation bands.

The percentage of practices which show variation depends on the distribution of the data for each indicator, but is typically around 10-15% of practices. The practices which are not showing significant statistical variation are labelled as no statistical variation to other practices.

N.B. Not all indicators in the evidence table are part of the GP insight set and those that aren't will not have a variation band.

The following language is used for showing variation:

Variation Bands	Z-score threshold
Significant variation (positive)	≤-3
Variation (positive)	>-3 and ≤-2
Tending towards variation (positive)	>-2 and ≤-1.5
No statistical variation	<1.5 and >-1.5
Tending towards variation (negative)	≥1.5 and <2
Variation (negative)	≥2 and <3
Significant variation (negative)	≥3

Note: for the following indicators the variation bands are different:

- Child Immunisation indicators. These are scored against the World Health Organisation target of 95% rather than the England average. Note that practices that have "Met 90% minimum" have not met the WHO target of 95%.
- The percentage of respondents to the GP patient survey who responded positively to how easy it was to get through to someone at their GP practice on the phone uses a rules based approach for scoring, due to the distribution of the data. This indicator does not have a CCG average.
- The percentage of women eligible for cervical cancer screening at a given point in time who were screened adequately within a specified period (within 3.5 years for women aged 25 to 49, and within 5.5 years for women aged 50 to 64). This indicator does not have a CCG average and is scored against the national target of 80%.

It is important to note that z-scores are not a judgement in themselves, but will prompt further enquiry, as part of our ongoing monitoring of GP practices.

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Note: The CQC GP Evidence Table uses the most recent validated and publicly available data. In some cases at the time of inspection this data may be relatively old. If during the inspection the practice has provided any more recent data, this can be considered by the inspector. However, it should be noted that any data provided by the practice will be unvalidated and is not directly comparable to the published data. This has been taken into account during the inspection process.

#### Glossary of terms used in the data.

- **COPD**: Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease.
- PHE: Public Health England.
- QOF: Quality and Outcomes Framework.
- STAR-PU: Specific Therapeutic Group Age-sex weightings Related Prescribing Units. These weighting allow more accurate and meaningful comparisons within a specific therapeutic group by taking into account the types of people who will be receiving that treatment.

‰ = per thousand.