WATERSIDE MEDICAL CENTRE

Surgery Newsletter - FEBRUARY 2026

PRACTICE WEBSITE

Please take a look at our fantastic practice website:

www.watersidemc.nhs.uk

Here you can find lots of information on our recently finished build and renovation project, as well as important health pathways and information on how to access the services you need.

You can also find information on prescriptions, our practice catchment area and a newly updated 'meet the practice team' page!



Goodbye Dr Alastair Watt

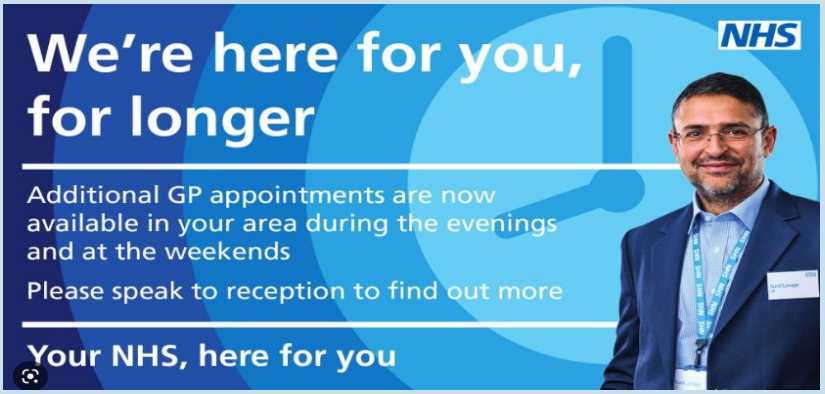
We would like to inform our patients that Dr. Alastair Watt has now retired from general practice. After 32 years of dedicated service at Waterside Medical Centre, Dr. Watt has made an invaluable contribution to the health and wellbeing of our community and will be fondly remembered by patients and colleagues. We extend our sincere thanks for his years of commitment, care, and professionalism, and we wish Dr. Watt a long, happy, and well-deserved retirement.



Waterside Medical Centre is an Enhanced Access Hub

Our practice is very pleased to continue offering our patients access to our 'enhanced access' hub through the Leamington Primary Care Network. This hub offers **a mixture of telephone and face-to-face GP appointments, as well as Nurse and Clinical Pharmacist appointments** available for you to **utilise in the evenings (18:30-21:00) and at the weekend (Saturday 9:30-16:30pm).** If you need an appointment outside of normal hours, please **ask a receptionist** who would be happy to support you with booking an **EA appointment which suits you and your availability**.





World Cancer Day

World Cancer Day is an important opportunity for our GP practice to raise awareness, offer support, and highlight the vital role of early detection and prevention. We encourage our patients to attend recommended screening programmes, be aware of any new or persistent symptoms, and seek medical advice if they have concerns. On this day, we stand with those affected by cancer, recognise the importance of timely diagnosis and ongoing care, and reaffirm our commitment to supporting our patients at every stage of their health journey.



Recent patient feedback

"The reception and office staff are polite, professional and responsive. The practice nurse was friendly and caring. I saw Dr Bala who was approachable, knowledgeable and kind everything you would want from a GP. The practice is clean and pleasant. We feel very grateful to have such a great practice."

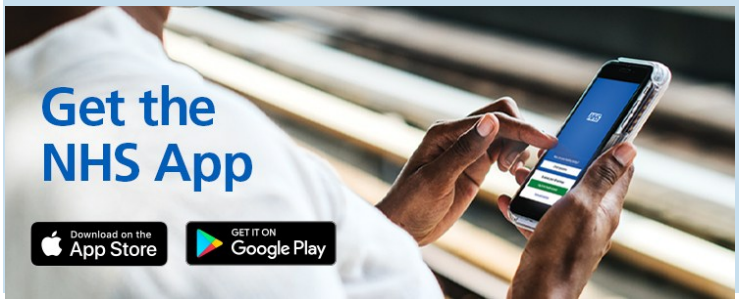
Staff Training Dates for 2026

Please be aware that practices across South Warwickshire will be **closed** from **12:30pm on the following dates** for important staff training:

25th February
12th March
29th April
21st May
17th June
23rd September
15th October
26th November



Out of hours information will be available on our phone system.



We Value your Feedback!

The team at Waterside Medical Centre work very hard to provide a **high quality** and **responsive** service to our patients but we are always looking for ways to improve our service and listen to what our patients have to say.

There are lots of ways for patients to have their say and we would love to hear from you with any comments you may have as to how we can **improve** our service to you.

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Comments cards are available in reception and we have a patient participation group who meet regularly.

Useful Contact Numbers

Out of Hours Service	111
NHS Direct 24/7	111
Mental Health Helpline	0800 161 171
Warwick Hospital	01926 495321
UHCW Hospital	02476 964000
Ambulance Transport	01926 310312
District Nurses	0845 608 0275