

# Old Henry Street Medical Centre PPG

Henry Street Leigh. WN7 2PG

# SURGERY NEWS

## Summer 2025

**!!! NEW SURGERY TELEPHONE NUMBER !!!**

**01942 367795**

## Surgery update

### Appointments update (Do Not Attend)

It is an ongoing problem for the surgery, when patient do not attend their booked appointments. Unattended appointments from April to June 2025, have been

**GP appointments - 71**

**Nurse appointments - 86**

**Child immunisation appointments - 28**

This results in other patients needing to see a doctor having to wait longer for an appointment. We urge all our patients to inform the surgery as soon as possible if they are unable to attend a booked appointment. This means that much needed time with the doctors can be allocated to other patients.

### Spotlight on Diabetes

The importance of Diabetic patients attending their yearly review is paramount. Each week in the UK alone there are:

**184 amputations**  
**770 strokes**  
**590 heart attacks**  
**2300 heart failure diagnoses**

From diabetic sufferers. These condition are covered in the yearly review and information given on how to avoid them. In the north of the UK alone there are 1 million people with the condition (Type 1 and type 2)

Diabetes UK provide a risk assessment (RISKSCORE) calculator on their website. This will highlight if you are at risk of type 2 diabetes . Please visit

<https://riskscore.diabetes.org.uk/start>



### CARERS OPEN day 6th June 2025

We had 3 Representatives from Wigan and Leigh Carers. We had an Income Maximisation Officer from the Council, a Neighbourhood Connector and also 4 PPG Members.

The representatives of the Carers Organisation were there before 10 am with their table set out with information and leaflets.

The PPG members talked to patients and distributed leaflets for the carers and newsletters and information cards from the PPG and surgery. The carers reps also engaged with the patients as time was of an essence as most of the patients were waiting to be called for their appointments.

Grace Hill Lead Officer for income maximisation was advising patients as to their eligibility for benefits, telling us that there is thousands of pounds available that are not claimed as people are not always aware of what they are entitled to.

Fay Wheeler, Wigan neighbourhood connector talked about some of the ways that she could introduce isolated individuals to social events within the Leigh and Wigan area. The time between 10am and 12 30pm was quite busy with us all interacting with patients.

Lillian Sharp



### Surgery Walking group



Walking group day out walking through Peel Park and museum in Salford.

If you are interested in joining the walking group please enquire at the surgery reception.



### Health and wellbeing Roadshow

**30th July 2025 10.00am to 2.00pm**

The roadshow is being held at Leigh Leisure centre. Sale Way, Leigh Sports Village, Leigh. WN7 4JY. All Welcome.