



The Lodge Health
PARTNERSHIP

Lodge Highfield Redbourn

Lodge, Highfield &
Highfield Surgeries

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We have vacancies for the following positions

Full or part time receptionists

Full or part time Practice Nurses

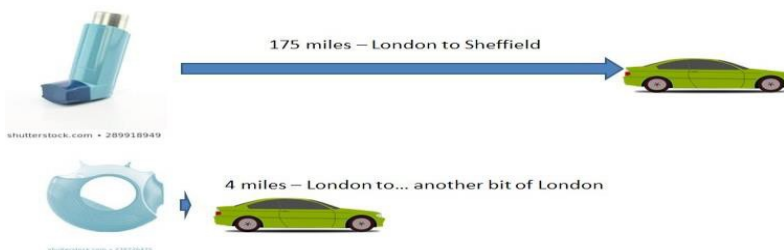
Part time advanced nurse practitioners

4-8 session GPs

Please spread the word and for more information and to see the job descriptions please visit [The Lodge Health Partnership \(lodgesurgery.co.uk\)](http://TheLodgeHealthPartnership(lodgesurgery.co.uk))

Going **greener** with your inhalers

For many people with lung disease, inhalers are a lifeline; allowing you to take control of your breathing problems and open your airways. So, it can be a shock to learn that some inhalers come with a carbon footprint. Ventolin is a particularly large volume inhaler which contains lots of propellant (a greenhouse gas) Below is an example of the equivalent tailpipe greenhouse gas emissions from a ventolin inhaler



Changing from this to an alternative brand which contains the same drug Salbutamol, such as Salamol, means a lot less harmful propellant is released into the environment. You may notice you receive Salamol on your next Ventolin prescription. You can also help by returning your used inhalers to the pharmacy for disposal and not putting them in your waste bin which goes to landfill

For more information on this please visit [Green Inhaler – Making your inhaler more environmentally friendly](#)



We are increasingly using text messages and emails to inform patients of information surrounding their medical care. This may be to confirm appointments, invitations to appointments, links to further information in government websites or health promotion websites like asthma UK. We want all our patients to be confident that these messages are genuine especially our more vulnerable patients, therefore please be aware of cyber security – the surgery will never ask for any bank details from any patient via a text message or email.

Vaccination Clinics

Flu – Please book your flu jab if you are eligible. Appointments can now be booked online, if none are available when you try, please try again at a later date as new appointments are being added regularly

[Flu vaccine - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

Childrens Flu – If your child is 2 or 3 please book them in for a child flu nasal spray

[Child flu vaccine - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

Covid Boosters – We are now inviting eligible patients for their covid boosters. Look out for your text invitation and follow the link to book, alternatively you can contact the surgery to book. These will be held across all three sites. While these clinics are being held we may have to move round the locations of other appointments to accommodate. Please double check where your appointment is being held as it may not be at your closest surgery. Thank you for your co-operation

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) booster vaccine - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)



Ethnicity

We have recently sent out a text message to ask patients to confirm their ethnicity for those that we do not have it recorded for -Please reply or decline

Face to face appointments

There has been a lot of media coverage recently regarding the difficulty in seeing a doctor for a face-to-face appointment. We would like to assure you that although we do use a triage system where our doctor can assess your needs and see you in person if necessary, we still have pre-bookable and on the day face-to-face appointments for patients wanting to see a doctor. These are available by calling our reception team or booking your appointment online.



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