

## **News from Bottisham Medical Practice Patients' Participation Group**

**Masks:** The guidance from PHE is for both staff and patients to continue to wear masks in healthcare setting. We would ask that all patients please continue to wear a mask when they attend to the surgery in order to protect them, other patients and our staff.

**Blood Samples:** Due to a shortage of equipment your GP may discuss with you postponing routine / non urgent blood tests.

### **WAITING FOR AN APPOINTMENT AT ADDENBROOKES HOSPITAL?**

If your GP has referred you to Addenbrookes Hospital there are a number of ways you may receive your appointment.

If there are available appointments for GPs to book into at Addenbrookes Hospital, we will provide you with a letter confirming your appointment. This letter will include a reference number and a password so you can change or cancel your appointment online or by phone directly with the hospital.

If there are no available appointments for GPs to book into at Addenbrookes Hospital or you have been referred to a triage service for further assessment, you will either receive a letter direct from them confirming an appointment or a letter from the hospital asking you to phone to make an appointment.

Due to increased demand on all services there are longer wait times to receive routine appointments. Should you be concerned you have not received an appointment at the hospital when the GP has confirmed they will refer, please contact the Appointment Team at Addenbrookes Hospital:-

**New appointments - 01223 274593**

**Return appointments - 01223 274900**

Alternatively, please email: [callhandling-patientcontact@addenbrookes.nhs.uk](mailto:callhandling-patientcontact@addenbrookes.nhs.uk)

**Next meeting:** If you would like to join one of our Zoom meetings please email our chairman at [s.j.gilson@btinternet.com](mailto:s.j.gilson@btinternet.com) who will send you a meeting invite. Next regular meeting November 24th at 2pm.

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## **From the Cambridge and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group:**

Autism is part of the lives of many people in our area and can affect many aspects of life, from school to healthcare, to employment and social lives.

The national guidance “Implementing and Rewarding Lives” and “Think Autism” puts a statutory duty on local authorities and health services to have in place plans in relation to the provision of service for people with autism.

It states that local authorities and NHS bodies need to work in collaboration with local partners to take forward the key priorities in Think Autism.

This strategy for people with autism in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough has been brought together by children, young people, adults and family carers together with professionals from a wide range of local partners from across the region, to give an overview of joint ambitions and priorities. We want to take time now to ensure that this co-produced strategy meets the needs of all people with autism across our area and gain the views of local people on the principles and priorities identified.

For more information and details of how to share your views [visit our website](#).

**This consultation runs from Tuesday 7 September 2021, until Tuesday 19 October 2021.**

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