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Walk-in chest x-ray service:

All patients who have been referred by their doctor for a chest X-ray are able to attend Radiology without an appointment at the following sites:

Walk in x-ray: **Chest Xray Only**

Royal Hampshire County Hospital : 9:00-12:00 13:00-16:00 Monday - Friday

Basingstoke North Hampshire Hospital: 9:00-12:00 14:00-16:00 Monday - Friday

No service at Andover

No service at Alton

All other X-ray examinations, Ultrasound, DEXA, CT or MR requests are appointment only - patients will be contacted via a letter on phone with an appointment.

Healthier Together:

It can be extremely stressful when your child is unwell. We know that there is a huge amount of information available at your fingertips, but finding something that provides clear and accurate information is not always easy!

The resources on the Healthier Together website have been developed in partnership between parents and healthcare professionals from across Dorset, Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. You'll find clear information on common childhood illnesses, including advice on what 'red-flag' signs to look out for, where to seek help if required, what you should do to keep your child comfortable and how long your child's symptoms are likely to last.

<https://what0-18.nhs.uk/>

Thank you to The Alresford Pigs Association

You may have seen in the Hampshire Chronicle recently that we have been very fortunate to be presented with a cheque from The Alresford Pigs for £5,099.64 which has helped us fund the purchase of two important pieces of medical equipment, a Hyfreator to assist and enhance the Practice's ability to deliver minor surgical procedures as well as a bariatric couch - an important item to help the treatment of a small section of our patients.

The Alresford Pigs is a local charity providing financial assistance to those in need in Alresford and the surrounding villages and has been doing so for 50 years. While the Pigs are perhaps best known for their fundraising events, such as the town Duck Race in June and lighting up Alresford with Christmas Trees in December and Arrival of Father Christmas as well helping to deliver the Alresford Show and many other events, they funded local good causes to the tune of £25,000 in 2023 alone.

It's The Alresford Pigs 50th anniversary this year, so keep your eyes peeled in local press for what they are doing to celebrate this amazing milestone!

The Alresford Pigs Association is a registered charity (charity no. 1163001).

More information can be found at www.alresfordpigs.org or email us at info@alresfordpigs.org or for an immediate request for support call the Pigs Help line 01962 658961.



Alresford Pigs present £5,000 cheque to Alresford Surgery. Pigs Members (from left) Nick Denbow, Dave Adam, Sam Kerr-Smiley, Robert Sanders, Mike Kerby and Frazer Budd. Surgery members: (from left) Dr Paul Webb, Dr Ben Saunders (Image: Contributed)

Reminder - Afternoon Closure - Wednesday 28th February

The surgery and dispensary will be closed from 12.30pm to enable all GPs & Nurses to attend a compulsory training meeting this afternoon.

Our phone lines will **not** be open on this afternoon.

If you require urgent medical attention, please call 111.

Blood Pressure

Have you taken your blood pressure recently? Why not use our machine in the waiting room, then pass the results to the receptionist. [What is blood pressure? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)



Important changes to local hospital services

Have you heard about the plans for a new hospital for the Hampshire region?

With significant suggested changes to the acute hospital services in and around Basingstoke and Winchester.

A public consultation on the proposed options is currently in process.

The consultation runs from 11 December 2023 for 14 weeks until midnight 17 March 2024.

Have your say at:

<https://www.hampshiretogether.nhs.uk>