

PROSPECT ROAD SURGERY

HOW WE WILL HELP YOU MANAGE YOUR LONG TERM CONDITION

Patients with long term chronic conditions require regular check - ups with a nurse and / or a GP. Some chronic diseases require patients to be checked every 6 months, while other conditions require only one check each year. If you have a chronic condition it is important that you have a review so we can make sure you are taking the most effective treatment for your problem(s) and thus reduce the risk of you having further problems in the future.

If you have a chronic condition you will be asked to attend the surgery in the month of your birthday to have any necessary blood and urine tests, and then again approximately a week to ten days later to have these followed up and a full review of your condition carried out by a Nurse and /or a GP.

For conditions that require 6 monthly checks we will ask patients to attend again 6 months after their birthday. Patients with more than one chronic condition will be asked to attend the surgery to have all their disease reviews carried out in one visit to the surgery rather than requiring them to attend several times throughout the year.

Just before the month of your birthday you may receive a phone call from one of our Reception team to ask you if they can arrange your appointments. If you have not managed to make it in to the surgery during the month of your birthday for your review(s) you will then receive a letter inviting you to come in along with an information sheet about your condition which explains why it is important for you to attend the surgery. You will receive a further 2 reminder letters a month apart if you still have not managed to make it in to the surgery. Some people are unable to come to the surgery and would normally be seen at home. If this is normally the case for you we will arrange to carry out your chronic disease reviews at home also.

The conditions that we manage in this way are as follows.

Asthma	Dementia	Osteoporosis
Atheroma	Diabetes	Rheumatoid arthritis
Atrial fibrillation	Epilepsy	Severe mental illness
Chronic Kidney Disease	High blood pressure	
COPD	Learning disabilities	