

Newsletter



NWL GP Federation
Working together for our patients

July 2025

Work Well scheme

Work Well is a new service being trialled across Leicestershire.

It is designed to provide employment support to people with health conditions. We help people with getting into work, staying in work and “working well.”

Once referred to the service, a Work and Health Coach will contact you and provide holistic support. This can include managing work with your condition, CV writing and interview skills.



Eddie shown above is our Work and Health Coach for North West Leicestershire.

He is supporting patients over the phone and face to face within surgeries and the local community.



**ALCOHOL
AWARENESS
WEEK**

7th to 13th July 2025

The theme for 2025 is "Understanding Alcohol Harm"

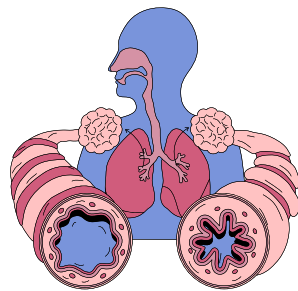
Focusing on the physical, emotional, and social impacts of alcohol – and how we can protect ourselves and others.

For more information visit:
<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/alcohol-advice/alcohol-support>

Improving Respiratory Care for Children and Families in Our Region

Laura Harding - a Lead Pharmacist, and Clare Guyon - a Senior Advanced Clinical Practitioner, are leading an important project to improve respiratory care for people across the region. Their aim is to make it easier for patients to get the right support, at the right time, to help them manage their breathing conditions more effectively.

One of their key goals is to increase access to diagnostic testing, so that conditions like asthma can be identified and treated earlier. They are also working on ways to improve how symptoms are managed day-to-day, helping people feel more in control of their condition.



Education is a big part of this work. Laura and Clare will be supporting both healthcare professionals and patients by sharing up-to-date information and practical advice. They are starting by focusing on children's asthma care, where they hope to make a real difference for young patients and their families.

As part of this, they will be delivering free online webinars for parents and carers, covering how to recognise asthma symptoms, use inhalers correctly, and know what to do in an emergency. They'll also be visiting local schools to provide training sessions for teachers and children, helping everyone feel more confident in managing asthma during the school day.

We're making healthcare even more accessible!

Every Saturday, from 9am-5pm (alternating between Long Lane Surgery (Coalville) and Castle Medical Group (Ashby De La Zouch) we're offering in-person **pre-booked** appointments for routine consultations. Whether its a doctors appointment, minor illness, a menopause consultation, medication review, or cervical smears , we've got you covered.

We know life can get in the way of taking care of yourself, so these options are here for those who need a little flexibility.

To book into one of these appointments, please contact your GP practice.

The Senior Leaders here at North West Leicestershire GP Federation



Laura Norton

Chief Operating Officer

Everyday Tasks? ~ Manage Team, Point Of Contact, Face Of The Federation, Looking For Opportunities

Challenges they face? ~ Competing Priorities, Staff Based In Different Areas, Plenty Of Change

Their role in 3 words ~ Varied, Satisfying & Fun



Dr Amit Patel

Clinical Director

Everyday Tasks? ~ Setting Up Cancer Projects, Liaising With Social Prescribers, Audits For Clinical Governance

Challenges they face? ~ Navigating New Systems, Collaborating With Different Stakeholders

Their role in 3 words ~ Impactful, Innovative & Variability



Dr Sumit Virmani

Clinical Director

Everyday Tasks? ~ Strategic Planning, Reviewing Services, Service Improvement, Clinical Audits

Challenges they face? ~ Time Pressure, Getting Everything Done

Their role in 3 words ~ Lead, Support & Perform



Dr Kirk Moore

Clinical Director

Everyday Tasks? ~ Clinical Leadership, Management Requests, Clinical Lead Of Enhanced Access

Challenges they face? ~ Time and Capacity

Their role in 3 words ~ Enjoyable, Innovative & Responsible

Psst! Want to know all the hip and happening events in the local area? Then join our social media squad! Keep tabs on our Facebook page at [North West Leicestershire GP Federation](#) and our X page (formerly known as Twitter) at [@nwlgpfed](#).

