

Roles you may see in your GP surgery

Occupational Therapists support those with problems arising from physical, mental, social or developmental difficulties, helping them find ways to continue with everyday activities that are important to them.

Mental Health Practitioners support adults whose needs can't be met by local talking therapies but who might not need ongoing care from hospitals or mental health teams. They can refer patients to a range of different services.

Social Prescribing link workers help patients manage their social, emotional and physical wellbeing by connecting them to local groups and services that can offer practical and emotional support. These include volunteering opportunities, physical activities and even debt and housing advice.

Health and Wellbeing coaches help people manage their own health conditions by developing their knowledge, skills and confidence in dealing with the issue to prevent long-term illness or it getting worse.

Clinical Pharmacists are experts in medicines, who help patients stay as well as possible by supporting those with long-term conditions like asthma, diabetes and high blood pressure and people taking multiple medicines, to ensure their medication is working.

Nursing Associates perform routine health checks and wound care while providing patients with general health and wellbeing advice under guidance of a nurse or other health professional.

Physiotherapists can assess, diagnose and treat a range of complex muscle and joint conditions such as arthritis and back pain without needing hospital care. They can also arrange access to further treatment, investigations and specialists when needed.

Paramedics have experience in everything from minor injuries to more serious conditions such as Asthma and they now help manage routine and urgent appointments and carry out home visits.

Physician Associates work alongside GP's, treating a wide range of health conditions. They diagnose and treat certain health conditions, arrange tests and analyse results and perform physical examinations of patients, including those with long-term conditions.

Dieticians diagnose and treat diet and nutritional problems such as diabetes, food

General Practice Nurses take blood samples, give vaccinations and carry out screening. Many surgeries now also have mental health nurses, district nurses, midwives and nurse practitioners (who can diagnose, treat and order tests too).

Care Co-Ordinators help make sure that patients are connected to the right services or professionals at the right time. They can also help manage their own needs, preparing them for upcoming appointments, monitoring their health and responding to changes.

Podiatrists diagnose and treat lower limb conditions- self

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