

Beech Road Pharmacy

Opening hours:

Monday - Friday: 9am till 6pm

Saturday: 10am till 4pm

Bank holidays: Closed

Current number of staff: Full-time equivalent: 9

To date we are currently dispensing 12,000 plus items. Since March 2022 we have seen a 20% increase in dispensing items. Over this period I have acquired 2 extra part time dispensing assistants. This has been partially to assist this current growth but also as a facilitator to future growth which is both anticipated and expected. Expectation is based on a local Boots pharmacy (0.5miles away) due to close within 5 months due to the demolition of the Chorlton precinct complex. Under the jurisdiction of the The Greater Manchester Pension Fund, a development framework has been agreed to accommodate 190 homes on the 3.2 acre site. We currently have had an influx of patients who used to reside at Boots Pharmacy and sign up with us due to this closure and I believe many more are expected. Concordantly the addition of residential sites to this location will further boost the catchment area of patients.

Another factor contributing to current and future growth is the selling of 2 Well pharmacies both of whom are within a 0.5mile and 0.7mile radius. Although these 2 pharmacies are expected to be sold, patients have already been filtered away to other pharmacies and we have received a vast amount of these as new nominations. We have garnished a strong relationship with these pharmacies over the years and patients have been recommended to nominate here as the sale is affecting their current day to day running. This influx I believe will only increase as the uncertainty has been progressing and continuing.

Another promising announcement to the sector which will in turn facilitate growth within the pharmacy is the government injecting £645 million over 2 years. Under the service, which is due to be rolled out later this year, patients will be able to get a prescription from their pharmacist for seven minor illnesses including earache and urinary tract infections without having to see their GP first. This will be the most significant funding within the sector in over a decade. I believe this will generate a new pool of customers to the pharmacy as well as enhancing the care for existing customers. The pharmacy will generate a set fee per consultation and will run throughout the week. Additionally, my wife Sandip who is also a pharmacist has gained the qualification as an Independent prescribing pharmacist. This will enable us to not only consult on the 7 agreed conditions but also for many others due to this qualification.

Sandip, currently on maternity leave, has started undertaking Botox training in order to achieve level 7 qualification. Once completed Sandip will be able to offer a vast amount of services within the aesthetics umbrella. This is something she is very

passionate about and we believe this can be integrated within the pharmacy perfectly. We also strongly believe that Chorlton is a prime area for this service and advertising such treatments as a pharmacist will offer assurance and professionalism to clients.

Since the unfortunate era of covid, travelling abroad was put on hold. Fortunately, since some normality has resurfaced, travel has also resumed. Such that we have seen a boost in our travel vaccine service amongst patients. I have recently been engaging with our social media team to really enhance and progress this service to the public eye.

From next month, we will also be adding the Yellow Fever Vaccine Service. This is a bespoke service which requires approval and training from NaTHNaC and only certain sites can offer. This will in turn boost this service as we have had several inquiries over the coming months.

The pharmacy is doing all of its Pharmacy Quality Payments and New Medicine Services which both provide additional services to the customers..

Covid vaccinations, although the eligible group has narrowed, it is a service which we are still heavily involved in. This service is appreciated and valued by the local community.

I believe with all these factors mentioned above that the pharmacy will continue to grow, from the prescription items dispensed and through all other enhanced and advanced services which are required by the local community.

New staff required: I believe in the view of mentioned above and to maintain effective provision of pharmacy services we will recruit further three full-time staff.

At Beech Road Pharmacy we are all highly committed to provide quality services to our local community.