

BURSCOUGH FAMILY PRACTICE

New patient registrations

As a matter of course, the doctors review registration forms received to ensure that we have the expertise, the facilities and the resources to deal with all the conditions that are presented.

We are a small practice with a relatively large care home population given our list size. The care home itself also has a large patient turnover and the promised input from the primary care network has been patchy. This has meant that the surgery is under a lot of pressure and this unfortunately, does cause a delay in new registrations. However, we do aim process all new registrations together with the welcome call within four weeks.

It is essential that both forms are completed to register with our practice and all health issues and current medications are declared and are accurate and up to date.

Medications

There are certain medications that we will discuss prior to your registration as they are drugs of addiction, or they need monitoring and expertise that we simply don't have.

If these medications are not declared on the pre-registration form then we will not initiate prescribing or continue prescribing.

These medications are:

Sleeping tablets or sedatives.

Our policy is to control and reduce the dose of these medications. We would also encourage you to inform DVLA / Insurance of their use if you drive and ensure your employer is aware if you operate heavy machinery.

Natural/Synthetic Morphine based medications: Codeine, Dihydrocodeine, Tramadol, Morphine.

Unless these are used for severe pain or palliative care and you are under review by the pain services the same policy applies as it does to sedatives.

Gabapentinoids / Pregabalin

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Drugs used in treatment of ADHD:

We will not prescribe medications for the treatment ADHD. However we are happy to do the prerequisite measurements required for the specialist services who will continue to prescribe. We do not have the expertise to monitor and titrate these medications or side effects. We currently liaise with Psychiatry-UK who will continue provide these medications.

Sex hormones:

These must be initiated by an NHS specialist service and monitoring arrangements must be in place with the NHS services. We will need to see up to date communications from your specialist before prescribing these. However, we do prefer that these be prescribed and monitored by the specialist service.