

## Stockbridge Practice News – October 2025



### Pharmacy First

Just a reminder that pharmacists working in local chemists can now issue prescription only medication for the following conditions: urinary infections in women, impetigo, sore throats, shingles, sinusitis, infected insect bites and ear infections. Please see our website for more information: [stockbridgesurgery.co.uk](http://stockbridgesurgery.co.uk)

### Week beginning 13 October 2025

The local hospital laboratory is having a new electronic system put in place. All local GP surgeries have been asked to only carry out urgent blood tests the week beginning 13 October. This will result in longer waiting times for blood tests. It is still possible for patients to have blood tests at Andover or Winchester hospitals by calling 01256 314751 although they will also be affected by the change in system.

### University students

If you have moved away from home for university, please remember to register with a GP surgery local to where you are now living. It is important that you can access both routine and urgent care whilst you are away. If you are ill when you are back at home, you can be seen at the Stockbridge Surgery as a temporary resident.

### Menopause Support

Mid Hampshire Healthcare are offering Menopause Virtual Group Clinics to women aged 45-65 years old who are experiencing symptoms that could be due to the perimenopause or menopause. For more information email [midhantshc.mhhmenopauseservice@nhs.net](mailto:midhantshc.mhhmenopauseservice@nhs.net) or ring 01962 657825.