

The Matthews Practice Belgrave

Inspection report

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This report describes our judgement of the quality of care at this service. It is based on a combination of what we found when we inspected, information from our ongoing monitoring of data about services and information given to us from the provider, patients, the public and other organisations.

Ratings

Overall rating for this location

Requires improvement



Are services safe?

Good



Are services effective?

Good



Are services caring?

Requires improvement



Are services responsive?

Requires improvement



Are services well-led?

Good



Overall summary

We carried out an announced comprehensive inspection at the Mathews Practice Belgrave on 16 March 2018. The practice was rated as requires improvement overall and was to remain in Special Measures until further improvements had been seen.

At our inspection on 16 March 2018 we found:

- The practice was in the process of implementing a complex process of change management in order to make improvements and develop their service.
- The practice had undergone a number of recent and significant changes to their senior management team. For example, GP partnership arrangements had changed because one of the GP partners had stepped down to become a salaried GP and a new Registered Manager had recently been appointed.
- Practice governance arrangements needed to be fully embedded to ensure lasting and positive changes could be sustained within the practice.
- Quality Outcomes Framework (QOF) data available on the day of inspection identified that the practice was failing in delivering adequate plans and pathways to mitigate risks and thoroughly risk assess the management of long term conditions. Subsequent QOF data from 2017/18 showed some improvement whereby the practice achieved 519.54 out of 559 points.

Requirement notices were issued because:

- Patient Group Directives (PGD's) needed attention to ensure that they were being managed correctly.
- A number of confidential patient records were being held in an area used for occasional external visitor meetings. Although these records were stored behind a security coded door we found some of the drawers to be unlocked on the day of inspection.
- The practice had a sepsis strategy in place however on the day of inspection a member non-clinical staff we spoke to was not aware of the management of sepsis should a patient present with symptoms.

This inspection, was an announced comprehensive inspection, which was carried out on 9 January 2019. This report covers our findings in relation to the practice meeting the requirements of the requirement notices and also additional improvements made since our last inspection.

We based our judgement of the quality of care at this service on a combination of:

- What we found when we inspected.
- Information from our on-going monitoring of data about services.
- Information from the provider, patients, the public and other organisations.

We have rated this practice as requires improvement overall and for all population groups.

We found that:

- The practice had worked through a substantial process of change management in order to make improvements and develop their service in collaboration with the local Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and the Royal College of General Practitioners (RCGP).
- The practice had undergone a number of recent and significant leadership changes and was nine days into a new contract as a single handed provider.
- New practice governance arrangements had been implemented to develop lasting and positive changes within the practice.
- Quality outcomes framework data available on the day of inspection identified that the practice was delivering plans and pathways to mitigate risks and assess the management of long term conditions.
- A new policy and process was in place to ensure that Patient Group Directives (PGD's) were being managed correctly.
- Confidential patient records were being safely stored behind a security coded door.
- The practice had a sepsis strategy in place and all staff that we spoke to were aware of the management of sepsis should a patient present with symptoms.
- The practice provided care in a way that kept patients safe and protected them from avoidable harm.
- Patients received care and treatment that met their needs.
- Staff dealt with patients with kindness and respect.
- The practice organised and delivered services to meet patients' needs.
- The way the practice was managed promoted the delivery of quality care.

Whilst we found no breaches of regulations, the provider **should:**

- Improve the cascade and management of safety alerts.

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- Amend their staff vaccination protocol to include Varicella (chicken pox) and MMR (measles, mumps and rubella) in order to be in accordance with current Public Health England (PHE) guidance.
- Improve patient access to services.
- Review and improve patient satisfaction with regard to their involvement in decisions about their care and treatment and their access to appointments.

This practice had met the requirement notices issued in March 2018 and has been taken out of special measures.

Details of our findings and the evidence supporting our ratings are set out in the evidence tables.

Professor Steve Field CBE FRCP FFPH FRCGP Chief Inspector of General Practice

Population group ratings

Older people	Requires improvement 
People with long-term conditions	Requires improvement 
Families, children and young people	Requires improvement 
Working age people (including those recently retired and students)	Requires improvement 
People whose circumstances may make them vulnerable	Requires improvement 
People experiencing poor mental health (including people with dementia)	Requires improvement 

Our inspection team

Our inspection team was led by a CQC lead inspector. The team included a GP specialist adviser and a second CQC inspector.

Background to The Matthews Practice Belgrave

The Matthews Practice is located close to Sheffield city centre and has a branch surgery at White Lane in Gleadless on the outskirts of the city. The practice provides services for 8,303 patients under the terms of the NHS General Medical Services contract. The practice catchment area is classed as within the group of the fifth more deprived areas in England. The age profile of the practice population is similar to other GP practices in the area. The practice has recently made changes to their registration and are now a single handed GP practice (male) and have two salaried GPs (one male and one female). They are supported by a three practice nurses and two advanced nurse practitioners (four female and one male), two healthcare assistants (both female), a practice manager, a practice manager assistant and a team of reception and administrative staff.

The practice is open each day between 8 am to 6.00 pm apart from Thursdays when the practice is open from 8 am to 4.00 pm. Whilst the reception is open for patients to access, telephone calls between the hours of 12.30pm to 3.30pm to both sites are answered by the out-of-hours service. Appointments are available from 8am to 10.30am every morning and from 3pm to 5.30pm with GPs daily at both sites. Extended hours appointments are offered

from 7am with the practice nurse and healthcare assistant and the practice is trialling a GP telephone triage service. Pre-booked appointments are available with a GP on Saturday morning at alternate branch sites. A phlebotomy service with the healthcare assistant is available daily. The practice also has a pharmacist who attends the practice weekly to review patient medications. In addition to pre-bookable appointments, that could be booked up to two weeks in advance, urgent appointments were also available for people that needed them. Both premises are owned by the partners.

The White Lane site is a converted residential property with two parking spaces to the front of the building. All patient facilities are on the ground floor. The Matthews Practice Belgrave is a purpose built building with all patient facilities on the ground floor and a minor surgery suite at one end of the practice. There is a large car park to the side and back of the practice. When the practice is closed calls were answered by the out-of-hours service which is accessed via the surgery telephone number or by calling the NHS 111 service. Primary Care Sheffield Hubs are available out of hours to offer patients extended access to services.