

Westminster Surgery

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

Good 

Are services responsive?

Good 

Are services well-led?

Good 

Overall summary

We carried out an announced comprehensive inspection of Westminster Surgery on 29 August 2018 as part of our inspection programme. The overall rating for the practice was requires improvement as we found shortfalls for the responsive and well-led domains. The full comprehensive report on the August 2018 inspection can be found by selecting the 'all reports' link for Westminster Surgery on our website at www.cqc.org.uk.

This inspection was carried out on 20 May 2019 to confirm that the practice had carried out their plan to meet the legal requirements in relation to the breaches in regulations that we identified in our previous inspection on 29 August 2018. This report covers our findings in relation to those requirements and also additional improvements made since our last inspection.

Overall the practice is now rated as Good. The population groups are also rated as good.

Our key findings were as follows:

- The provider had reviewed the system for managing complaints to ensure there was an effective system for identifying, receiving, recording, handling and responding to complaints.
- The provider had taken action to improve their governance systems.
- The provider had taken action to ensure the service was now registered for the regulated activity of Surgical procedures.
- The provider had taken action to address the areas where we advised them that improvements should be made. Improvements had been made to the procedures for the security of prescriptions. The procedure for the safe management of uncollected prescriptions had been revised, however the written procedure needed to be updated to demonstrate that a clinician was reviewing these prescriptions. A revised system to document the action taken in relation to safety alerts had been introduced. Action had been taken to encourage the reporting of incidents and near misses and the provider had revised their protocols for managing staff changes.
- The provider had taken action to identify and if possible increase the number of carers and to address low patient satisfaction rates in respect of accessing the surgery by telephone and making appointments.

The areas where the provider **should** make improvements are:

- Update the procedure for uncollected prescriptions to indicate that a clinician is reviewing these.
- Record all measures used to investigate complaints so it is clear how the outcome was reached.

Population group ratings

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

Our inspection team

Our inspection team was led by a Care Quality Commission (CQC) lead inspector.

Background to Westminster Surgery

Westminster Surgery is situated in a small shopping precinct in Ellesmere Port and is part of Cheshire and Wirral Partnership NHS Foundation Trust. The practice is part of NHS Cheshire West Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and has an Alternative Provider Medical Services (APMS) contract.

At this practice there are two salaried GPs (one post currently being recruited to), a nurse practitioner, a practice nurse and a health care assistant. Locum practitioners cover staffing shortfalls. Clinicians are supported by a full-time practice manager and reception and administration staff.

Westminster Surgery is registered with the Care Quality Commission to carry out the following regulated activities:

Diagnostic and screening procedures,

Family planning,

Maternity and midwifery services,

Surgical procedures

Treatment of disease, disorder or injury.

At the last inspection we identified that the practice was carrying out surgical procedures but was not registered for this regulated activity. This was addressed following the last inspection.

There were 3,000 patients on the practice register at the time of our inspection. The practice is open 8am to 6.30pm every weekday. The locally provided Extended Hours service takes over (from another location), every evening from 6pm to 9.30pm and from 6.30pm every Friday until 8am Monday morning.