

Palfrey Health Centre

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 to people's needs?

Requires Improvement



Overall summary

We undertook a targeted assessment of the responsive key question at Palfrey Health Centre. The rating for the responsive key question is Requires Improvement. As the other domains were not reviewed during this assessment, the other ratings of good will be carried forward from the previous inspection and the overall rating of the service will remain Good.

Safe - Not inspected, rating of Good carried forward from previous inspection

Effective - Not inspected, rating of Good carried forward from previous inspection

Caring - Not inspected, rating of Good carried forward from previous inspection

Responsive – Requires Improvement

Well-led - Not inspected, rating of Good carried forward from previous inspection

The full reports for previous inspections can be found by selecting the 'all reports' link for Palfrey Health Centre on our website at www.cqc.org.uk

Why we carried out this assessment

We carried out a targeted assessment of the responsive key question. Targeted assessments enable us to focus on certain key questions to explore particular aspects of care.

How we carried out the assessment

- This assessment was carried out without a site visit.
- Conducted staff interviews using video conferencing system.
- Requesting evidence from the provider and reviewing their appointment system.

Our findings

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

- what we found when we carried out the assessment
- information from our ongoing monitoring of data about services and
- information from the provider, patients, the public and other organisations

We found that:

- Patients received effective care and treatment that met their needs.
- Patients could not always access care and treatment in a timely way.
- The National GP patient survey results related to patient access were below the national average, but the provider in partnership with the PPG and ICB were improving access arrangements. However, this needed time to be embedded.
- There had been no complaints over the last 12 months
- We found positive and negative views from patients as to their ability to access a GP when required.

Overall summary

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

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Our inspection team

Our inspection team was led by a CQC lead inspector who spoke with staff using video conferencing facilities and reviewed evidence supplied by the provider.

Background to Palfrey Health Centre

Palfrey Health Centre is located in Walsall at:

151 Wednesbury Road

Walsall

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The provider is registered with CQC to deliver the Regulated Activities; diagnostic and screening procedures, maternity and midwifery services and treatment of disease, disorder or injury.

The practice is situated within the Black Country Integrated Care Board (ICB) and delivers General Medical Services (GMS) to a patient population of about 5000. This is part of a contract held with NHS England.

Information published by the Office for Health Improvement and Disparities shows that deprivation within the practice population group is in the second lowest decile (two of 10). The lower the decile, the more deprived the practice population is relative to others.

According to the latest available data, the ethnic make-up of the practice area is 56% Asian, 30% White, 6.6% Black, 3.2% Mixed, and 3.9% Other.

There is a team of six GPs, one nurse who provides nurse led clinics, one advanced nurse practitioner, two health care assistants and two clinical pharmacists. The practice is also supported by a team of reception/administration staff. The practice manager provides overall managerial oversight of the practice.

The practice is open between 8am to 6:30pm Monday to Thursday and 8am to 12pm on a Friday. The practice offers a range of appointment types including book on the day, telephone/face to face consultations, video calls and advance appointments.

Extended access is appointments are available late evenings and weekends. Out of hours services are provided by 111.