

Maple 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 safe?

Good 

Are services effective?

Good 

Are services caring?

Good 

Are services responsive to people's needs?

Requires Improvement 

Are services well-led?

Good 

Overall summary

We carried out an announced inspection at Maple Surgery on 15 June 2022 Overall, the practice is rated as good.

The ratings for each key question are:

Safe - Good

Effective - Good

Caring - Good

Responsive - Requires improvement

Well-led – Good

When this service registered with us, it inherited the regulatory history and ratings of its predecessor. This is the first inspection of Maple Surgery under the registered provider MKGP Plus Limited who became the provider from April 2020.

We had inspected the practice under the previous provider's registration in January 2019 and the practice was rated as good overall and requires improvement for the responsive key question. Under our continuing regulatory history policy, the rating of good was inherited.

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

Why we carried out this inspection

This inspection was a comprehensive inspection to rate the practice under the new registration.

How we carried out the inspection

Throughout the pandemic CQC has continued to regulate and respond to risk. However, taking into account the circumstances arising as a result of the pandemic, and in order to reduce risk, we have conducted our inspections differently.

This inspection was carried out in a way which enabled us to spend a minimum amount of time on site. This was with consent from the provider and in line with all data protection and information governance requirements.

This included:

- Conducting staff interviews using video conferencing
- Completing clinical searches on the practice's patient records system and discussing findings with the provider
- Reviewing patient records to identify issues and clarify actions taken by the provider
- Requesting evidence from the provider
- A short site visit
- Staff questionnaires

Our findings

Overall summary

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 ongoing monitoring of data about services and
- information from the provider, patients, the public and other organisations.

We have rated this practice as Good overall

We found that:

- The practice provided care in a way that kept patients safe and protected them from avoidable harm.
- The system for ensuring all emergency medicines and equipment were safe to use required strengthening.
- We found no system in place for assurance relating to external cleaning staff having a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check or a risk assessment.
- Patients received effective care and treatment that met their needs.
- Staff dealt with patients with kindness and respect and involved them in decisions about their care.
- The practice respected patients privacy and dignity and patient confidentiality was maintained throughout the practice.
- GP patient survey data was below CCG and national averages, and the practice had not fully engaged in patient feedback exercises to understand patients poor experiences of accessing the practice.
- The way the practice was led and managed promoted the delivery of high-quality, person-centre care.

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

- Review and improve the opportunities for patients to access health checks.
- Continue to encourage patients to attend for childhood immunisations and encourage patients to attend for the national cervical screening programme to increase uptake.
- Engage in patient feedback exercises to further improve and measure improvements to services.
- Review and improve systems to ensure all emergency medicines and equipment were safe to use.
- Improve systems and processes for assurance of external staff.

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 undertook a site visit. The team included a GP specialist advisor who spoke with staff using video conferencing facilities and completed clinical searches and records reviews without visiting the location.

Background to Maple Surgery

Maple Surgery is located in Cambridge at:

Hanover Close

Bar Hill

Cambridge

CB23 8EH

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 and surgical procedures. These are delivered from their site.

The practice is situated within the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and delivers Alternative Provider Medical Services (**APMS**) to a patient population of about 3,655. This is part of a contract held with NHS England.

Maple Surgery hold the Special Allocation Scheme (SAS) contract, this contract means that the practice will provide temporary primary care service to patients on the scheme because they have no healthcare provision, the scheme is designed so the patients will be allocated back into mainstream care.

The practice is part of a wider network of GP practices called Cambridge Northern Villages Primary Care Network (PCN).

Information published by Public Health England shows that deprivation within the practice population group is in the highest decile (10 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 4% Asian, 92% White, 1% Black, 2% Mixed, and 1% Other.

The age distribution of the practice population closely mirrors the local and national averages. There are more male patients registered at the practice compared to females.

There is a team of two GPs who provide cover at Maple Surgery. The practice has a team of two nurses who provide nurse led clinics for long-term conditions. The GPs are supported at the practice by a team of reception/administration staff and a Health Care Assistant (HCA). The practice manager is based at Maple Surgery to provide managerial oversight.

The practice is open between 8am to 6:30pm Monday to Friday. The practice offers a range of appointment types including book on the day, telephone consultations, advance appointments and online access to appointments on the practice website.

Extended access is provided locally by Cambs GP Network (CGPN), where late evening and weekend appointments are available. Out of hours services are provided by Herts Urgent Care (HUC).